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4 illegal loggers, timbog ng DENR

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AFP / Ted Aljibe, File

MANILA, Philippines — Natimbog ng mga elemento ng Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS) ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang apat na umano'y illegal loggers sa bayan ng Tabuk, Kalinga.

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Ayon kay Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, ang operasyon ay nagpapakita lamang ng katatagan at tiyaga ng DENR kahit na may banta ng Covid-19.

Ang mga naaresto ay kinilalang sina Vincent Dalanao, Archie Cadalina, Victor Manyaw at Fioni Tamaw na takdang sampahan ng kasong paglabag sa Section 77 ng Presidential Decree (PD) 705 o Chainsaw Act of 2002.



Abra marks World Bamboo Day with bamboo planting activity

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By Glen S. Ramos

BANGUED, Abra – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (DENR-CENRO) of Abra province today conducted Bamboo Planting Activity in Brgy. Bonglo, Licuan-Baay, Sitio Banitog, Barangay Lusuac, Peñarrubia and in Lagangilang in celebration of “World Bamboo Day” with the theme “Alay ng Bayan sa Inang Kalikasan, Kawayan.”

The staff of DENR-CENRO Bangued planted more than 100 bamboo cuttings to raise awareness, protect natural resources and the environment, and to ensure sustainable utilization.

World Bamboo Day is celebrated annually every September 18, 2021. It was formally organized on September 18, 2009, in Bangkok and incorporated at the 8th World Bamboo Congress. The objective is to build consciousness about the fast-growing grass plant Bamboo.

Scientifically speaking, bamboo is not a tree but grass. They are a group of woody perennial evergreen plants in the true grass family “Poaceae”.

There are 91 genera and about 1,000 species of bamboo. There is no prohibition on growing or cutting bamboo trees even outside the forests. Bamboo has many uses, including furniture, food, biofuel, fabrics and even food – the bamboo shoots or what we call as “labong” are the edible part which can be cook into various viands.

It is the fastest-growing plant on Earth. In fact, the Chinese “moso” bamboo can grow almost a meter in a day.

Bamboo is also considered stronger than a tree, as it only sways around during typhoons and strong winds.

Like the Japanese proverb says: ‘The bamboo that bends is stronger than the oak that resists.’ (AI/MTVN)

Source: <https://maharlika.tv/2021/09/18/abra-marks-world-bamboo-day-with-bamboo-planting-activity/?fbclid=IwAR1gYnrKdyugbmiZPx-G8Z-LRjIksmjOzNveooWSVpDX149NIMvpGL6hE>



DENR suspends entry to major trekking sites in northern Negros

By Nanette Guadalquiver [September 18, 2021, 4:58 pm](#)



TREKKING SITE. Volunteers join a clean-up activity in Tinagong Dagat, a popular ecotourism destination inside the Northern Negros Natural Park in this undated photo. The site has been temporarily closed to trekkers effective Sept. 16, 2021, to ensure public safety in the wake of insurgency-related armed conflict in nearby areas. *(File photo courtesy of DENR-PENRO Negros Occidental)*

BACOLOD CITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has ordered the temporary closure of major trekking destinations inside the Northern Negros Natural Park (NNNP) in the wake of insurgency-related clashes in nearby areas.

In Special Order 3 dated September 16 and posted on Facebook on Friday afternoon, Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer Joan Nathaniel Gerangaya, protected area superintendent of NNNP, said those temporarily closed are the ecotourism site destinations of Tinagong Dagat, Danao Sulfutara, and Tinagong Bato.

“(This is) in the interest of the service and in order to ensure the safety of visitors, trekkers, porters, and guides... due to the insurgency/armed conflict that took place in areas near the protected area,” he added.

On the other hand, minor trekking destinations will continue to operate and accept visitors.

These include the Mayana Peak in Barangay Prosperidad, San Carlos City; Malantan-og and Kawa Falls in Barangay Kumaliskis, Don Salvador Benedicto; and Malisbog, Dumalabdab, and Pulang Tubig Waterfalls in Barangay Patag, Silay City.

“This order takes effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked and amended accordingly,” Gerangaya said.

The DENR allowed the resumption of mountaineering activities in the NNNP in February as community quarantine restrictions due to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic started to ease.

The NNNP has three entry/exit points – Barangay Patag in Silay City; Sitio Campuestohan, Barangay Cabatangan in Talisay City; and Barangay Canlandog in Murcia town.

With the resumption of trekking activities earlier this year, only residents and foreigners legally residing in Negros Occidental have been allowed to trek for a fee of PHP300 per person.

On August 20, troops of the Philippine Army’s 79th Infantry Battalion and the New People’s Army figured in a clash in remote Hacienda Raymunda in Barangay Kapitan Ramon, Silay City, where two communist terrorists and a soldier were killed. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1153934>



826 spiders declared as figurines, meds seized in Pasay City

By Ferdinand Patinio September 17, 2021, 6:00 pm



(Photo from BOC-NAIA)

MANILA – The Bureau of Customs (BOC) Port of NAIA on Friday reported the seizure of some 826 spiders in three parcels in Pasay City.

In a statement, the bureau said a total of 809 spiderlings and 17 adult spiders were found inside air postal parcels at the Central Mail Exchange Center (CMEC) on Sept. 14.

It added that the parcels all came from Poland and were consigned to certain residents of Pasay City, Parañaque City, and Batangas.

The items were declared as figurines and medicines.

Upon physical examination, surreptitiously concealed small plastic vials wrapped in foil with cotton containing spiderlings and spiders were found.

The animals were immediately turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit (DENR WTMU) pursuant to Customs Administrative Order No. 10-2020.

Aside from the instituted seizure and forfeiture proceedings against the subject seized wildlife species for violation of Section 1113 in relation to Section 117 and Republic Act (RA) 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

The DENR is currently conducting case building for possible prosecution of the importer and co-conspirators for violation of RA 9147, while the Bureau Action Team Against Smugglers (BATAS), Legal Service of the BOC shall conduct parallel case build-up for possible prosecution of violation of Section 1401 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

The BOC-NAIA, together with the Environmental Protection Compliance Division (EPCD), intercepted the parcels. **(PNA)**

Source:

https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1153859?fbclid=IwAR0VtHU0bwsewCfb5O2NhglyDhwV_86xEENQNS6vrfweLmo00QJxjqh_z7s



Another sperm whale found dead on Boracay beach



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ANOTHER sperm whale was found dead off the coast of Boracay Island, Aklan Friday morning, September 17, 2021.

Haron Deo Vargas, a marine biologist of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, said the sperm whale carcass had beached in Sitio Laguna, Barangay Manocmanoc in Malay, Aklan.

On Wednesday, a carcass of a sperm whale was also found by residents at Bulabog Beach in Barangay Balabag. The dead whale was said to have been washed by waves again and was found the next morning off the coast of Barangay Manocmanoc.

Reports from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said a dead dolphin was also found Wednesday on the shores of Barangay Pook, Kalibo, Aklan.

"I do not know yet why we are seeing dead bodies of sperm whale strands at the beach of Boracay. I hope this is all a mere coincidence," Vargas said.



Illegal pens in Manila Bay to be demolished Monday

By [Dennis Abrina](#) September 19, 2021



SEA OF PLASTIC A team from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Philippine Coast Guard on Sept. 18, 2021 marks the plastic bottles that are to be demolished in Manila Bay on September 20. The plastic bottles are used as floaters for the fish cages below. PHOTO BY DENNIS ABRINA

CAVITE CITY: Government authorities completed the inventory and marking of illegal aquaculture structures in [Manila Bay](#), particularly in the Cavite area, for dismantling and demolition on Monday.

Based on the data gathered by the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR), there were 351 illegal baklad (fish traps) that were made of plastic bottles, [styrofoam](#) and bamboo poles.

Environment Secretary [Roy Cimatu](#) ordered the demolition of the illegal tahungan (mussel pens) and talabahan (oyster pens) in the area to expedite the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. He also pointed out that during typhoons, the plastic bottles and other debris get washed ashore and pollute the waters.

After three days of marking and inventory by the DENR and the Philippine [Coast Guard](#), it was learned that some fish cages had already been dismantled at the bay.

The demolition was supposed to take place on September 7, but after the team was met by protesters and fisherfolk, it was postponed to Monday, September 20.

The demolition is expected to affect thousands of fisherfolk, boatmen, dealers, vendors and others, involved in the trade.

Meanwhile, Cavite City Mayor [Bernardo](#) "Totie" Paredes promised to help the displaced fisherfolk.

"The Cavite City local government will pass an ordinance for the legalization of fish cages, [baklad] and tahungan in accordance with the guidelines set by BFAR ([Bureau of Fisheries](#) and Aquatic Resources)," Paredes said.

"We will have equal measurement [in order] that many of the fishermen here will have an area. Hindi 'yung (Instead of) 7 hectares of area for only one owner," Paredes added.

"Our LGU (local government unit) has some livelihood already offered to fishermen, which [is boat] making. And we will give [to] low class fishermen, [consisting] of [boatmen], tagahango (extractors), tagalinis ng tahong (mussel cleaners) and also the tinderas (female vendors), [who are] the most affected [by] the dismantling operations," Paredes continued.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/19/news/regions/illegal-pens-in-manila-bay-to-be-demolished-monday/1815301>



Regular cleanup drive for Parañaque City

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Parañaque City residents and SM maintenance volunteers hold a cleanup drive to dispose of solid wastes.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

[SM Prime Holdings Estate Management Group](#), together with the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR), [Parañaque](#) local government units, and Barangays Tambo and Vitalez, held continuous cleanup drives on August 26 and September 3 to help clean the city's waterways.

This comes after several successful cleanup drives were held in the past months, in both Parañaque and Pasay cities. The initiative collected 206 sacks of garbage and vegetation, weighing a total of 6,000kgs.

Volunteers were the Barangay Tambo Environmental Police, [Department of Labor](#) and Employment's Tulong Pangkabuhayan Para sa mga Displaced Workers or DoLE Tupad, Parañaque's City Environment and [Natural Resources Office](#), DENR south field office, barangay residents, and volunteers from SM's security, maintenance and estate management personnel.

SM Prime supports the [Manila Bay](#) Rehabilitation program by partnering with local and national governments to help clean its rivers and waterways. It is set to embark on several information campaigns to help educate local communities on the proper management and disposal of solid waste.



Underwater cleanup drive in Batangas on International Coastal Cleanup Day

Peter Blaza, Reuters

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Diving instructor Carmela Sevilla picks up plastic trash, while a sea turtle is seen on the foreground during an underwater cleanup drive in Bauan town, Batangas on Saturday. The activity is in line with International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day, which aims to bring attention to issues concerning marine litter.

Source: https://news.abs-cbn.com/life/multimedia/photo/09/18/21/underwater-cleanup-drive-in-batangas?fbclid=IwAR124Gy_HhpTdT_wzdTOtTNe4VmYOqSMJaLkvFP8jk3YFKsPYxDNLC3aPys



KALIWA DAM PROJECT PINAHINTO AT PINAREPASO NG COA DAHIL SA IREGULARIDAD

[September 15, 2021 admin](#)



NAIS ng Commission on Audit (COA) na marepaso ang China-funded Kaliwa Dam project dahil sa kawalan ng patunay na hindi makapipinsala sa kapaligiran ang pagpapatupad nito.

Ang Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) ang ahensiya ng pamahalaan na nangangasiwa sa dam project habang ang Kaliwa Dam ay bahagi ng New Centennial Water Source program na nangakong magkakaloob ng 600 million liters ng tubig kada araw sa Metro Manila.

Ang COA ay may mandatang i-audit ang financial transactions ng pamahalaan.

Ayon sa COA, itinuloy ng MWSS ang P12.2-billion Kaliwa Dam project sa Infanta, Quezon sa kabila ng kawalan ng patunay ng pagsunod sa environmental prerequisites at pagsusumite ng mga kinakailangang permit.

Sa kanilang 2020 annual audit report, sinabi ng COA na bagama't nakakuha ang NCWS KDP ng Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) ay hindi nito nakumpleto ang aplikasyon nito ng mandatory permits mula sa mga ahensiya ng pamahalaan.

Ang naturang mandatory permits ay kabilang sa mga kondisyong itinakda sa pag-iisyu ng ECC.

Ayon sa COA, lumitaw sa records na inisyu ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang ECC sa MWSS noong October 11, 2019.

Gayunman, sinabi ng state auditors na hindi nakapagsumite ang MWSS ng patunay na nakasunod ito sa mga kondisyon at restriksiyon na itinakda sa ECC. Bagama't nagsumite ang MWSS ng mga dokumento noong May 20, 2021, hindi umano ang mga ito ang hinihingi ng DENR.

“MWSS management simply provided a checklist or a compliance monitoring report (CMR) without any supporting document (e.g. permits) to show compliance with the ECC,” ayon sa COA.

Noong 2019, ang pamahalaan ay nakakuha ng US\$283.2 million loan deal mula sa China upang itayo ang Kaliwa Dam, isang flagship project ng ‘Build Build Build’ infrastructure program ng gobyerno.

Ang China Energy Engineering Corporation Limited, isang Chinese contractor, ang napiling magtayo sa dam. Ang partisipasyon nito sa proyekto ay tinuligsa dahil sa paglabag sa Philippine procurement laws at sa Constitution na nagtatakda ng preference para sa Filipino contractors at workers na “equally if not more than qualified.”



Marami ang tumututol sa pagtatayo ng dam dahil tinatayang 1,465 pamilya ng Dumagat-Remontado indigenous peoples (IPs) sa Rizal at Quezon ang mawawalan ng tirahan.

Nang ipalabas ang contract documents ng dam noong 2019, nagbabala ang civil society groups na naglalaman ito ng mga probisyon na pumapabor sa China.

Maging ang ilang Catholic bishops sa bansa ay nagpahayag ng pagkabahala na ang proyekto ay makabubuti lamang sa Chinese investors.



SMC sets higher target for Tullahan River cleanup

BY BUSINESSMIRROR SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



Tullahan River being cleaned up

San Miguel Corp.'s (SMC) massive environment sustainability and flood mitigation initiative to clean up the 27-kilometer Tullahan River system, is shifting to higher gear in December. The company is set to acquire additional new equipment to double its solid waste extraction capacity to 5,000 metric tons per day, it said in a news release.

SMC President Ramon S. Ang said that the company's commitment to clean up the Tullahan River system is stronger than ever, as the company has made the cleanup of major rivers, one of its foremost sustainability priorities.

Tullahan River ranked No. 4 in the list of the world's top 10 plastic-emitting rivers responsible for global ocean plastic pollution, according to a 2021 report by research web site ourworldindata.org.

"In just over a year, we've made significant progress with our Tullahan River cleanup project. Recently, we reached an important milestone: 414,000 metric tons of solid wastes removed from the river, as of the September 11," Ang said.

By December 1, he said they are aiming to double the extraction capacity from the current 2,300 to 2,500 MT per day, to 5,000 MT per day.

"We are acquiring six sets of new equipment to do this," he added.

The company's river cleanup teams have no let up on work to dredge the 27-kilometer tributary—a P1 billion undertaking fully funded by SMC—as anticipated typhoons are expected to bring heavy rains and, consequently, floods to many parts of Metro Manila.

"Our people continue to work diligently to do cover as much ground as they can, especially since the typhoons are setting in.... We will check and prioritize critical areas that need dredging to minimize flooding," Ang said.

Besides removing silt and solid wastes, which have accumulated at the bottom of the river for years, SMC also has to increase depth to a maximum of 5 meters, particularly in areas where heavy flooding occurs.

The total 414,000 metric tons of solid waste removed to date, were mostly from the project's Sectors 4 and 5 in Malabon and Valenzuela, which is part of the project's initial 11.5-kilometer coverage from the mouth of Manila Bay in Navotas to Valenzuela.



In August, dredging operations also commenced at the Tinajeros area in Malabon
“Our target output for these sectors is over 1 million metric tons and we expect to reach 600,000 metric tons before the year ends,” Ang said.

SMC is gathering data and experience from the project which can be used for its other major river projects, including the clean-up and rehabilitation of the Pasig River and major Bulacan rivers and tributaries.

The company is waiting for the approval of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and of the dredging plan by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), for its P2-billion Pasig River Cleanup project.

For the five-year Pasig River project, SMC aims to extract 50,000 metric tons of silt and solid waste per month, or a yearly output of 600,000 metric tons. Overall, its goal is to remove 3 million metric tons of solid waste from the Pasig River.

Trial dredging was conducted from July to August and more than 20,000 metric tons of dredged material were removed from the Malacañang and Pandacan areas of the river.

The ourworldindata.org, report said Pasig River ranked first in the list of seven Philippine rivers in the world’s top 10 plastic emitting rivers that includes Tullahan River, Meycauayan River, Pampanga River, Libmanan River, Rio Grande de Mindanao and Agno River.



Almost 68,000 kilos of garbage collected in Cebu City's quarterly clean-up

By: Dyrecka Letigio - CDN Digital Multi-Media Reporter|September 18,2021 - 06:01 PM



Cebu City government workers and volunteers collected a record 68,000 kilos of garbage from the city's major waterways during the city's quarterly clean-up drive on Saturday, September 18. | contributed photo by Cebu City PIO

CEBU CITY, Philippines — Almost 68,000 kilos of garbage were collected from Cebu City's major waterways during the city's quarterly coastal clean-up on September 18, 2021.

The Coastal Management Task Force (CMTF) reported 27,150 kilos of garbage collected in the southern barangays, 36,490 kilos in the northern barangays, and 4,300 kilos collected by the Department of Public Services (DPS).

The total weight of the garbage is 67,940 kilos or around 67.9 metric tons.

This is the biggest garbage haul in any of the city's clean-up drives so far.

At least 40 percent of the garbage collected was plastic materials, 10 percent residuals, and 50 percent wood, plants, and mud.

"Most of our heavy equipment were deployed in Tejero and Carreta doing dredging so mao na daghang lapok," said Reymarr Hijarra, the CMFT subcommittee chairperson.

Hijarra said at least 3,800 joined today's clean-up drive including the international conservation group, Ocean Conservancy.

The volunteers conducted the clean-up in 21 areas including a leg of the Kamputhaw river near the Carreta Cemetery and Blessed Sacrament Parish area, the South Road Properties, the Tejero Creek, Lahug River, Guadalupe River, and others.

The quarterly clean-up is one of the programs of the city government to decongest the city's major waterways from garbage. /rcg

Indigenous tribes want South Cotabato's copper deposits mined

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Ethnic T'boli and Blaan leaders in South Cotabato province have fused ranks against a provincial anti-mining law.

Philstar.com / John Unson

KORONADAL CITY, Philippines — Top leaders of the T'boli and Blaan royalties in South Cotabato signed this week a manifesto urging the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to lift a provincial ordinance preventing them from extracting copper deposits in their ancestral domains.

The first to sign the document were Blaan and T'boli datos during a meeting Thursday in Barangay Tinago in Norala, South Cotabato.

The signatories to the manifesto together denounced the nagging opposition of small outsider blocs to the longtime desire of Blaans to have the copper deposits in Tampakan extracted to their benefit.

Foreign and Filipino geologists earlier placed at no less than €5.8 billion (Euro currency) the value of copper deposits in Tampakan.

Tampakan is an ancestral land of the Blaans whose right to utilize natural resources obtainable in their tribal domains is guaranteed by the Indigenous People's Rights Act, or IPRA.

The IPRA, also known as the Republic Act 8371, provides indigenous people the right to self-determination and autonomy in managing community affairs in their ancestral domains.

The ethnic Blaan Michael Malino, chairperson of Barangay Tinago in Norala, said while their villages are far from Tampakan, they support the call for the provincial board's lifting of the mining ban in South Cotabato.

"We are hoping that our provincial lawmakers will listen to us," Malino said.

number of bais, or women from Blaan and T'boli noble clans in Norala, also signed the manifesto urging provincial board members to amend the local anti-mining law.

The provincial board has been initiating consultations on the issue since last month.

Datu Edmund Ugal, a T'boli, said they are pained by what is for them annoying opposition of small settler groups, virtually non-Blaans, in Koronadal City and in nearby towns to any mining activity in Tampakan.

"These are outsiders. When their ancestors from outside of Mindanao arrived, the Blaans and T'bolis were driven to the hills. The present generation of these outsiders wants the tribal communities to remain poor," Ugal said while in Barangay Tinago in Norala last Thursday.

Ugal is chairman of the South Cotabato Indigenous Peoples Council for Peace and Development.

He said Tampakan is a government-recognized Blaan ancestral homeland covered by IPRA.



“Why can’t we let the Blaans harness the resources available in their ancestral lands in Tampakan? We want them to have better lives,” Ugal said.

On Friday, almost 20 T’boli datos and bais affixed their signature to the appeal for the South Cotabato provincial board to allow copper mining in Tampakan during a dialogue in the upland T’boli municipality in the province.

Bai Dalena Samling, a tribal leader in Tampakan, told the T’boli datos and bais that a mining operation in their municipality will bail them out from widespread poverty and underdevelopment.

Datu Sanorio Abentong, who hosted Friday’s activity in T’boli town, said he and other datos in their municipality are in favor of mining activities in Tampakan.

Bai Silin Awed, a local tribal leader, said it is only by allowing the extraction of copper in tribal enclaves in Tampakan that Blaan and non-Blaan settler communities can rise from grinding poverty due to longtime neglect.

“We have to give them the respect that they deserve. Let us help them progress in the spirit of autonomy as guaranteed by IPRA,” Awed said.



Climate crisis more complex to solve

By [Eireene Jairee Gomez](#) September 18, 2021

[Greenpeace](#) has warned that saving the planet from the current climate and environmental crisis has become more complex.

"With this 50th year (of Greenpeace) being celebrated, we have to remind ourselves that much work needs to be done. Greenpeace exists because this fragile Earth and the people who depend on a healthy planet deserve a voice. The world needs solutions. The world needs positive change. The world needs action. Greenpeace exists in many key battlegrounds, involving battles we cannot afford to lose," said Yeb Saño, executive director of Greenpeace Southeast [Asia](#), during the [Pandesa Forum](#) titled "Environmental Issues in the [Philippines](#) and Asia" on Wednesday.

He mentioned the various challenges that the world is facing today, including the climate crisis, plastic pollution crisis, massive loss of the world's forests, severe decline of our fisheries, nuclear radiation and waste dangers, as well as the global health crisis, that has led to economic crisis in many countries across the globe.

Globally, about 4.8 to 12.7 million tons of plastic find their way into the oceans each year with Asia contributing to over 80 percent, according to the World Bank.

After China and Indonesia, the Philippines ranks as the world's third-biggest polluter with about 2.7 million metric tons of plastic waste generated each year, a report by the [World Wide Fund](#) for Nature's said.

While the Philippines is emitting only 0.3 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, the country is one of the most vulnerable to the harsh effects of climate change such as super typhoons, drought and the superheating of the oceans.

The Climate Change Finance and Disaster Risks had said that on a long-term basis, the Philippines is expected to incur P177 billion (\$3.6 billion) per year in losses to public and private assets due to typhoons and earthquakes.

"We do not need to trouble ourselves why this is happening in our time, but what we need to decide is what to do with the time that has been given us. I believe that among many, we have been given that time," Saño said.

"I'd like to believe that joining hands with Greenpeace and supporting our mission, and taking action every single day of your lives, is what you have decided to do with the time given you. We are not few. We are many, among millions of people from every corner of the globe who care about people and the planet, and who make the work of Greenpeace possible," he added.

Also on Wednesday, the group called on the national government to regulate plastic production and enact a strong ban on single-use plastics and non-environmentally acceptable products as part of urgent climate plans.

This, after Greenpeace released a report showing how consumer goods companies are driving the expansion of plastic production.



The "The Climate Emergency Unpacked: How Consumer Goods Companies are Fueling Big Oil's Plastic Expansion" also exposed business links between the world's largest brands and fossil fuel companies - some of which operate in the Philippines - and the lack of transparency around emissions from plastic packaging.

"It's clear that Nestlé, Coca-Cola, Unilever - all known brands in our country - and other consumer goods companies are not just responsible for plastic pollution but also play key roles in the fossil fuel industry's expansion and the climate crisis," [Marian Ledesma](#), Greenpeace Zero Waste campaigner, said in a statement.



EDITORIAL-Targeting environment defenders

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Drug suspects aren't the only ones with an inordinately high murder rate in the Philippines. Studies have shown that the country is also one of the world's most dangerous places for journalists, legal professionals and environmental defenders.

UK-based non-government organization Global Witness, in its latest report titled Last Line of Defense, declared that the Philippines recorded the third highest number of killings last year targeting environmentalists, with 29 fatal attacks. The Philippines was behind only Colombia, where 65 deaths were recorded, and Mexico with 30.

Global Witness reported that those killed in the Philippines were opposing illegal logging, mining and dam projects that posed threats to the environment. Among the targeted groups are indigenous peoples whose lands are threatened by the projects.

Environmental defenders aren't the only ones targeted; even the lawyers who defend them are slain. The Integrated Bar of the Philippines has condemned the murder last Sept. 15 of Juan Macababbad near his home in Surallah, South Cotabato. The 68-year-old human rights lawyer was shot dead by two men on a motorcycle.

Macababbad, a member of the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers and vice chairman of the Union of Peoples' Lawyers in Mindanao, represented indigenous lumads and small farmers opposing aerial crop spraying, large plantations and coal mining in South Cotabato. Environmental groups said he had been receiving death threats for some time.

Global Watch is calling not only for justice for the victims, but also for governments to require companies and investors to conduct due diligence on human rights and environment issues across their supply chains and operations. The group is urging companies to adopt a zero-tolerance policy on attacks against environmental defenders affected by the firms' operations.

The Philippine National Police has vowed to find the killers of Macababbad. Unless his murderers are brought to justice, more lawyers and environmental defenders will be targeted. Every unsolved killing intensifies impunity.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/opinion/2021/09/19/2128094/editorial-targeting-environment-defenders>



EDITORIAL - Air pollution sa Metro balik sa dati

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BALIK ang nakalalasang usok sa Metro Manila dahil sa mga sasakyang hindi namimintina. Mula nang magluwag sa community quarantine sa Metro Manila, marami nang sasakyan ang yumayaot. Ang usok ng mga sasakyan ang numero unong nagpapalason sa hangin.

Ayon sa pag-aaral, 80 porsiyento na pinagmumulan ng air pollution sa Metro Manila ay mga hindi namimintinang sasakyan gaya ng mga karag-karag na dyipni, taxi, trak at traysikel. Pinagmumulan din ng pollution ang mga usok mula sa pabrika at mga sinusunog na basura.

Sa ilalim ng Clean Air Act of 1999, mahigpit na ipinagbabawal ang pagsusunog ng mga basura at paggamit ng incinerators. Nawalan ng silbi ang batas kaya ngayon, balik na naman sa may lasong hangin na nabawasan na noong nakaraang taon nang magsimula ang pandemya.

Walang ginagawang aksiyon ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) laban sa mga lumalason sa hangin. Wala na ang mga operatiba na nanghuhuli sa smoke belchers. Mabuti pa ang Manila Bay ay pinagaganda ng DENR sa pamamagitan ng pagtatambak ng dolomite. Pinondohan ng P389 milyon para maging kaakit-akit. Pero ang pagpapasariwa sa hangin, walang hakbang ang DENR. Walang kabalak-balak.

Ayon sa Department of Health (DOH), ang maruming hangin ay nagdudulot ng noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) gaya ng allergies, acute respiratory infections, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, cancer at cardiovascular diseases.

Isang magandang naidulot ng lockdown noong nakaraang taon ay nang mabawasan nang malaking porsiyento ang maruming hangin na nakakulapol sa Metro Manila. Ibinawal ang pagpasada ng mga pribado at pampublikong sasakyan.

Dahil nabawasan ang air pollution natanaw nang malinaw sa unang pagkakataon ang bundok sa Antipolo. Napakagandang tingnan ang bughaw na bundok. Napakaaliwalas.

Dahil ngayon ay nagluluwag na, bumalik na rin ang hangin na may lason sa Metro Manila. Marami na naman ang masususulok. Sinagasaan na nga ng COVID, hangin na may lason ang isa pang kalaban ngayon. Sana makagawa ng paraan ang DENR ukol dito. Kung nagawang pagandahin ang lawa, pasariwain naman ang hangin.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pang-masa/punto-mo/2021/09/19/2128211/editorial-air-pollution-sa-metro-balik-sa-dati/amp/>



POLLUTION, SYMBOL OF CORRUPTION

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Mike Taboy
Photographer

Environmental groups led by the Earth Island Institute and the Nilad Metro Manila Environmental Network conduct cleanup operations at the shoreline of Manila Bay near the Las Piñas–Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA).

The cleanup comes with a political message: for these groups, the pollution at Manila Bay is symbolic of the widespread graft and corruption in Philippine government.

Source: <https://opinyon.net/national/pollution-symbol-of-corruption?fbclid=IwAR09BP9Bs0tHx1sU-Vnn328Hb7O1PeP9XSpw8htSD2C6R4ID3HOU3ym1d1A>



Report: Global warming set to pass 1.5° C as pollution plans fall short

BY BLOOMBERG NEWS SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



Flooded area in Weihui, Xinxiang city, in China's central Henan province.

Almost every government in the world isn't doing enough to cut greenhouse gas emissions, making it likely global temperatures will rise beyond the tipping point of 1.5 degrees Celsius in coming years, a new report said on Wednesday.

Scientists have said keeping the planet's warming within 1.5° C is key to staving off the worst impacts of climate change.

Global emissions must be halved by 2030 to keep that target in sight, but governments are nowhere near that reduction, according to the nonprofit group Climate Action Tracker (CAT).

Collectively, governments must cut 20 billion-to-23 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide by the end of this decade.

The US and UK have said they want to keep alive the chance of limiting warming to 1.5° C from pre-industrial levels. But of the countries analyzed, only The Gambia has set ambitious-enough policies, the report said.

"An increasing number of people around the world are suffering from ever more severe and frequent impacts of climate change, yet government action continues to lag behind what is needed," said Bill Hare, chief executive of Climate Analytics, a CAT partner.

Under the terms of the Paris Agreement signed by 197 countries in 2015, governments agreed to develop voluntary action plans to cut emissions. But as they were insufficient at the time, nations promised to come back in 2020 with more ambitious policies.

Yet more than 70 countries still haven't submitted updated targets—including China, the world's biggest emitter.

Also, a raft of rich and middle-income countries—including Australia, Brazil and Indonesia—have submitted new plans that don't increase their ambitions, the group said.

While President Joe Biden updated the US's target earlier this year, it remains insufficient to keep the world on track for 1.5° C, the report said.

The UK's domestic target is compatible with 1.5° C, but the government hasn't delivered enough international climate finance to help poorer countries reduce emissions, CAT said.

More than a decade ago, rich countries promised to mobilize \$100 billion a year in climate finance by 2020, but that target has been missed. The US also lags behind other rich countries in that effort.

"Governments have now closed the gap by up to 15 percent, a minimal improvement since May," said Niklas Höhne, of NewClimate Institute, a CAT partner organization. "Anyone would think they have all the time in the world, when in fact the opposite is the case."

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/09/19/report-global-warming-set-to-pass-1-5-c-as-pollution-plans-fall-short/>



Climate change concern for Canadian voters

By [Agence France-Presse](#) September 19, 2021

VANCOUVER: Concerns over climate change that gave rise to the [Green Party](#) are top of mind for [Canadians](#) preparing to vote in elections Monday (Tuesday in [Manila](#)), yet the party itself is fighting for survival.

Beset by internal feuding and other challenges, the Green Party has lost momentum and is struggling to hold on to its two seats in the 338-member parliament in the upcoming vote.

Ten years after the [Greens](#) won their first seat in the national legislature, the party is polling at just 2 to 3 percent. Liberals and [Conservatives](#), meanwhile, are neck and neck, each with about 32 percent of voting intentions.

The stakes for the Greens are "to show that the party is still alive and kicking, that it is an option for those who believe in the fight against climate change," said [Daniel Beland](#), a politics professor at [McGill University](#) in [Montreal](#).

Its survival hinges on at least holding onto its two seats on [Vancouver Island](#) in westernmost British Columbia province, which was hit hard by wildfires and an unprecedented heat wave that left hundreds dead over the summer.

[Elizabeth May](#), the first Green elected to [Canada](#)'s parliament in 2011 and the party's former leader, is likely to retain her seat in the Saanich-Gulf Islands. But fellow Green Paul Manly, seeking re-election in the nearby district of [Nanaimo](#)-Ladysmith on the picturesque [Pacific](#) isle, is facing tough competition.

"I think climate change is one of the top issues for sure in this election," Manly told [Agence France-Presse](#). Canada is the world's fourth largest oil producer, and Manly said the government needs to act decisively. "We need really bold action on climate change and that means we need to end all subsidies for fossil fuels," he said.

The Greens also want to cut greenhouse gas emissions 60 percent from 2005 levels by 2030, a more ambitious target than what's on offer from other parties.

But their message has been drowned out in part because the main political parties have stepped up with their own relatively strong climate plans. And the Tories have been busy fighting a Liberal carbon tax that could curtail oil production in their base of Alberta.

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STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE



DOH reports 23,134 new COVID-19 infections; active cases at 184,088

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Devotees maintain proper social distancing and follow other health protocols as they a Mass at the Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Manila.

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines on Saturday reported 23,134 more COVID-19 infections, the second highest daily increase in cases since the start of the pandemic. The Department of Health said the total confirmed cases in the country were 2,347,550. The country is battling a record rise in infections, driven by the hyper-contagious Delta variant.

- **Active cases: 184,088** or 7.8% of the total
- **Recoveries: 27,024** or, bringing total to 2,126,879
- **Deaths: 255**, raising toll to 36,583

In its latest bulletin, the DOH reported a positivity rate of 26% out of 73,635 tests.

No peak yet

- The Department of Health said that COVID-19 infections in Metro Manila have **not peaked yet**. The agency made the statement in response to the preliminary projection of OCTA Research fellow Guido David that cases in the capital region have already peaked.
- The **RT-PCR test kits** that the Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management bought for the DOH last year were not near expiry, the health agency said.
- A **new study** released by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday suggested the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine confers better long-term protection against hospitalization than Pfizer.
- Nearly a million doses of the COVID-19 made by Moderna arrived in the country on Saturday afternoon. A total of 190,000 doses of Sputnik V (Component 2) vaccine will also arrive tonight.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/09/18/2128043/doh-reports-23134-new-covid-19-infections-active-cases-184088/amp/>



Covid-19 cases in NCR hasn't yet peaked: DOH

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora [September 18, 2021, 5:48 pm](#)



NO ENTRY. Photo of an area in Caloocan City under granular lockdown taken on Sept. 10, 2021. The Department of Health on Saturday (Sept. 18, 2021) said the number of active cases in Metro Manila has not yet hit its peak, citing its analysis over the past week. (PNA file photo)

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Saturday said the number of active cases in Metro Manila has not yet hit its peak, citing its analysis over the past week.

"At this point, in our analysis, hindi pa natin nakikita na nagpi-peak na po tayo dito sa mga kaso. Pinag-aaralan po nating maigi 'yan (we can't conclude yet if we're already reaching a peak in our cases but we are studying it)," Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said in a *Laging Handa* briefing.

She noted that the National Capital Region (NCR) has recorded almost 8,000 infections in one of the days last week and eventually decreased to around 5,000 to 5,500.

"Ito pong recent days nakita natin 5,800 naman, so tataas, bababa, tataas, bababa (Recently, it climbed to 5,800 so the number fluctuates, it will increase, decrease, then increase again)," she said.

The seven-day moving average in NCR over the past week grew by 8 percent to 5,825 compared to 5,410 from September 4 to 10.

Based on the latest DOH data, there are a total of 52,561 active Covid-19 cases in NCR.

The statement came following a report from OCTA Research Group that there are "early indications" that the surge may have already peaked in Metro Manila.

Dr. Guido David said the reproduction number in the region has decreased to 1.22, while the positivity rate decreased to 24 percent.

Due to the backlog of reporting of cases, he said he would expect that there would be days when cases could still spike.

"Efforts must be sustained because trends may still reverse, i.e. cases may increase again if care is not taken," he said.

Metro Manila remains under the "high-risk case" classification, meaning it has a positive two-week growth rate in terms of reported cases as well as a high average daily attack rate.



Also under the same classification are Regions 1, 2, 3, 4-A, 6, 9, 10, 12, Cordillera Administrative Region, and Caraga.

"As to the ICU utilization and health care utilization, most of them still have high utilization for ICU and bed. If we look at it, we are still at the risk level where we need to monitor closely," Vergeire said. **(PNA)**



Alert Level 4 2-wk extension eyed amid hike in NCR cases

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by [Joel E. Zurbano](#)

The country on Saturday logged 23,134 new COVID-19 cases, the second highest daily tally since the pandemic started as the Department of Health warned infections in Metro Manila will continue to rise.

National Task Force against COVID-19 spokesman Restituto Padilla said the enforcement of the Alert Level 4 in the National Capital Region could be extended for two more weeks to bring down the daily tally of infections.

“It could be extended for two more weeks before we can see its effect on our data,” Padilla said.

Alert Level 4 with granular

alert...lockdowns – the second highest under the new quarantine system – means case counts are high

or increasing, with COVID-19 beds and intensive care beds at increasing utilization rates.

Saturday's new cases pushed the nationwide tally to 2,347,550 while active cases stood at 184,088.

On Saturday last week, the DOH recorded an all-time high of 26,303 cases.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said contrary to the forecast of the independent OCTA Research Group, the department does not yet see that cases in the National Capital Region have already peaked.

“At this point in our analysis, we have not yet observed that the cases have already peaked. We are still studying it,” she said.

“When you say it has already peaked, this is the highest number that you could report. After this, you will see a continuous decline in the number of cases. In one of the dates last week, we tallied almost 8,000 cases in a day in NCR. After that, we saw that the trend is inconsistent with 5,000 to 5,500 cases per day. Recently, we have recorded 5,800. So the numbers are still going up and down,” she added.

Vergeire said the number of COVID-19 cases in Metro Manila has even increased by eight percent in the last seven days.

The DOH earlier said new COVID-19 cases in NCR could range from 16,000 to 43,000 a day by the end of September.

Vergeire, however, held up the hope that the granular lockdowns being tested in Metro Manila could bring the numbers down.

The country's intensive care unit beds and ward beds for COVID-19 patients remain at high risk, which means the occupancy rate is more than 70 percent but less than 85 percent.



Around 77 percent of the total 4,400 ICU beds in the country are occupied while 77 percent of the 1,500 beds in NCR are in use.

Meanwhile, Vergeire said the new alert level system in Metro Manila is not meant to relax restrictions but to refocus the government's COVID-19 response.

Vergeire made the clarification after World Health Organization country representative Rabindra Abeyasinghe advised against relaxing quarantine restrictions as the Philippines is still far from achieving herd immunity.

"I think a lot of people have the wrong impression regarding this pilot implementation. We are not relaxing the protocols. We need to understand that we re-strategized so that our response will be more focused [on the highly-burdened areas through the granular lockdowns]," she said.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government, for its part, reminded local government units to ensure that they have designated at least one contact tracer for every barangay with a population not exceeding 5,000 to boost case finding and contact tracing efforts in Metro Manila.

"We want to be more aggressive in our case finding and contact tracing efforts considering the fast spread of the Delta variant. It is important there are more contract tracers in each barangay to facilitate the tracking and help those positive cases and close contacts," Interior Secretary Eduardo Año said in a statement.

He said the barangay contact tracer should be in addition to the contract tracers coming from the LGUs.

Año said for barangays with a population of more than 5,000, additional contact tracers may be hired or assigned by the LGUs to ensure that there are people on the ground who are monitoring COVID-19 patients and their close contacts.



PAKIKIDALAMHATI AT AYUDA SA MGA HCW



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SINABI ng Department of Health na may nasawi nang 104 healthcare worker mula nang umatake ang pandemya ng COVID-19 noong Enero 2020 hanggang nitong nakaraang Lunes o Setyembre 13, 2021.

Lubos nating nadarama ang kalungkutan sa kanilang pagpanaw, gayundin sa naiwan nilang mga pamilya, ngunit sinasaluduhan natin ang paninilbihan nila sa mga nagkakasakit na milyones nang taumbayan.

Panalangin naman ang isa sa ating ipinaabot sa ngayo'y mga maysakit na sana gumaling sila at wala na ni isa man sa kanila ang malilista sa mga pumanaw na o kaya'y mabalda.

Ayon sa DOH, sa 336 aktibong kaso at ginagamot, 9 dito ang nasa kritikal o agaw-buhay na kalagayan, 21 ang nasa severe o mas magaan sa kalagayang kritikal, 20 ang nasa moderate condition, 221 ang may mild condition at 95 ang asymptomatic o walang sintomas.

NAPAKALAKING BILANG

Hindi gawang-biro ang pagkakasakit ng 24,284 at pagkasawi ng 104 HCW.

Dito natin naiintindihan kung gaano kahirap ang kalagayan ng mga sundalo natin sa kalusugan.

Bukod sa pagkakaroon ng personal at indibiduwal na paghihirap, nadadamay pati ang kanilang mga pamilya sa paghihirap at sa kamatayan nila.

At dito na rin malinaw na kinakapos ang mga ospital ng mga pwersa laban sa pandemya.

Umaabot sa minimum na isang buwan ang panggagamot at pagpapagaling bago bumalik sa paninilbihan ang mga nakaligtas sa kamatayan, dahil libo-libo ang mga ito, at diyan ramdam na ramdam ang kakapusan ng HCWs sa mga ospital.

At ang 104 na nasawi, katumbas ito ng buong pwersa ng isang katamtaman ng laki na ospital, gaya ng provincial hospital, na ganap na paralisado.

MGA MAMAMAYAN APEKTADO

At sa ganitong mga pangyayari, apektado na pati ang mga mamamayan sa kakulangan ng mga HCW na mag-asikaso at manggamot sa loob ng mga ospital.

Dito rin nagaganap ang sobrang pagod at puyat, na nakamamatay rin, ng mga HCW sa pagkakaroon ng mga doble o tripleng trabaho para mapunan ang mga serbisyong naiiwanan ng mga nasasawi at nagkasakit.

Kapag may surge o pagdami ng mga nagkakasakit, sana hindi magtampo ang ating mga kababayang nagkakasakit na hindi sila agad maasikaso.

Hindi rin naman madali para sa mga awtoridad, gaya ng DOH, ang pangangalap ng kapalit ng mga nagkakasakit at nasasawi sa iba't ibang kadahilanan.



PAGTULONG NG MGA MAMAMAYAN

Noong nagsimulang sumalakay ang COVID-19, nangangapa ang lahat kung ano-ano ang mga gagawin at tanging ang mga HCW ang inasahang lumaban dito habang mga sundalo at pulis naman ang nangasiwa sa mga lockdown.

Dito madaling makapitan at masawi ang mga HCW dahil sa kawalan ng kahandaan sa pandemyang bago at kawalan o labis na kakulangan ng personal protective equipment, face mask, health protocol at iba.

Habang nagtatagal, nagsimulang sumama ang mga mamamayan, indibiduwal o grupo, sa laban sa pandemya.

At kabilang sa mga naging aktibo sa giyera, ang mga service at social welfare organization gaya ng Lions Clubs International.

Bumili, pumundar at nag-ipon ang mga Lion ng mga PPE, gamot, hi-flow machine, pagkain at iba pa at ibinigay sa mga HCW at ospital at nagpapatuloy sila hanggang sa mga araw na ito.

Karaniwang hinahatiran ng ayuda ng mga Lion ang mga HCW sa mga pampublikong ospital at kanilang mga ospital.

Sumali na rin maging ang mga business organization gaya Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. sa pamimigay ng iba't ibang ayuda gaya rin ng PPE, gamot, pagkain at maging sa paghahanda ng mga vaccination sites at mismong suplay ng bakuna.

Ang iba gaya ng San Miguel Corporation, ginawang alcohol laban sa pandemya ang mga alcohol sa alak at ipinamigay ito sa mga nangangailangan.

Ang ibang mga mamamayan?

Nariryan ang mga paghahanda rin nila, kasama ang kanilang mga organisasyon o simbahan, ng mga food and medical package sa mga nalalagay sa quarantine facility hindi lang para sa mga pasyente kundi para na rin sa mga HCW at pagdadala ng mga ayuda sa mga kapitbahay na naka-home quarantine.

Kahit papaano, nakagagaan kahit kaunti ang mga pagkilos ng mga mamamayan sa mabibigat na bagaheng dala-dala ng mga HCW.

HUWAG SUMUKO

Sana, huwag panghinaan ng loob ang mga HCW sa kanilang mga paglilingkod sa harap ng mga hamon at problemang kanilang dinadala sa giyera sa pandemya.

Kung may pagkukulang man ang pamahalaan o ang mga ospital na kanilang pinaglilingkuran, subukin nilang tumawag sa mga mamamayan na maaaring makatugon kahit kaunti sa kanilang mga pangangailangan.

Ang maliliit na maiaambag ng milyon-milyong, kung maipon, ay tiyak na makagagaan sa kanilang kalagayan.



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DOH COVID-19 CASE BULLETIN # 553

SETYEMBRE 18, 2021

Para sa kumpletong detalye at impormasyon, bisitahin lamang ang aming pampublikong site: <https://ncovtracker.doh.gov.ph/>

PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

7.8%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
184,088

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

90.6%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,126,879

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.56%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
36,583

MGA BAGONG KASO **23,134**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **27,024**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **255**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,347,550**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING SETYEMBRE 16

DATOS NGAYONG SETYEMBRE 18
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG SETYEMBRE 16

26.0%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

73,635

BILANG NG
TINVEST

HALOS
95.5%
ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!



KABUANG PILIPINAS PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS)	77% Utilized
ISOLATION BEDS (20.8K TOTAL BEDS)	67% Utilized
WARD BEDS (15.9K TOTAL BEDS)	73% Utilized
VENTILATORS (3.3K TOTAL VENTILATORS)	57% Utilized

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.5K TOTAL BEDS)	77% Utilized
ISOLATION BEDS (4.5K TOTAL BEDS)	64% Utilized
WARD BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS)	74% Utilized
VENTILATORS (1.2K TOTAL VENTILATORS)	62% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

Mild	90.5%
Asymptomatic	5.0%
Critical	0.6%
Severe	1.3%
Moderate	2.53%



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Dapat nating panatilihin ang pagsunod sa **Minimum Public Health Standards**, nasaan man tayo, upang matiyak ang kaligtasan ng ating mga sarili. Kaakibat nito, agad na makpag-ugnayan sa ating **BHERTS o One COVID Referral Center** sa oras na makaramdam ng anumang sintomas para sa karampatang gabay. Maabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**.

Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, puntahan ang <http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine> upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating **Telemedicine Service Providers**, at ang <http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines> para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon.



Ihahanap ka namin ng lugar para mag-isolate o magpagamot, tumawag lang sa sumusunod:

SMART: 0919 977 3333
GLOBE: 0915 777 7777
TEL NO: (02) 886 505 00



May tanong ukol sa COVID-19?

I-chat na si KIRA!

VIBER: Kira Kontra COVID by DOH

MESSANGER: Department of Health PH

KONTRACOVID PH: [kontracovid.ph](https://www.kontracovid.ph)



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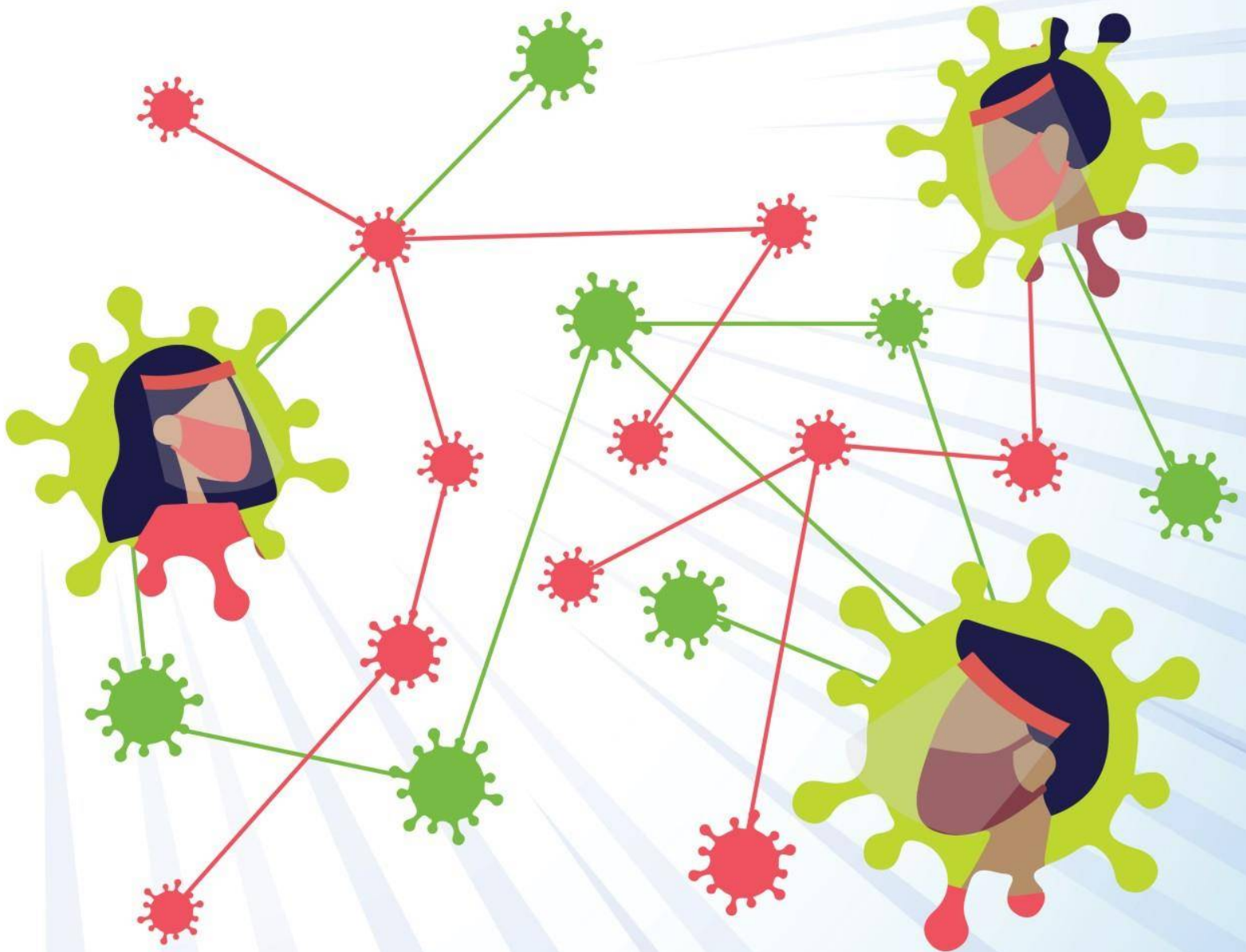
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COVID-19 HOME CARE GUIDE

PART 2: CONTACT TRACING



MAGING TAPAT SA INYONG CONTACT TRACING TEAMS!

Matatalo natin ang COVID-19 kung alam natin kung nasaan ito. Tulungan natin ang mga contact tracers na alamin kung sino at saan ang posibleng apektado ng COVID-19. Kailangang i-monitor ang sinumang maaaring na-expose sa COVID-19 para mapigilan ang patuloy na pagkalat ng virus.

PAANO GINAGAWA ANG CONTACT TRACING?



Sa pagsabi ng totoo, kapwa mo, protektado.

I-report sa mga contact tracers ang kasalukuyan mong kalagayan, mga posibleng close contact, at mga lugar na binisita sa mga nakaraang araw.



Sa pamamagitan ng testing, safety ng komunidad mo ay sigurado.

Malaking tulong ang resulta ng test para siguruhin na wala tayong COVID-19 at safe sa infection ang ating mga close contacts.



Sa pag-iwas sa tao, mapipigilan ang pagkalat ng COVID-19.

Kung tayo ay kabilang sa close contacts, dapat tayong mag-quarantine sa loob ng 14 days kahit walang sintomas.

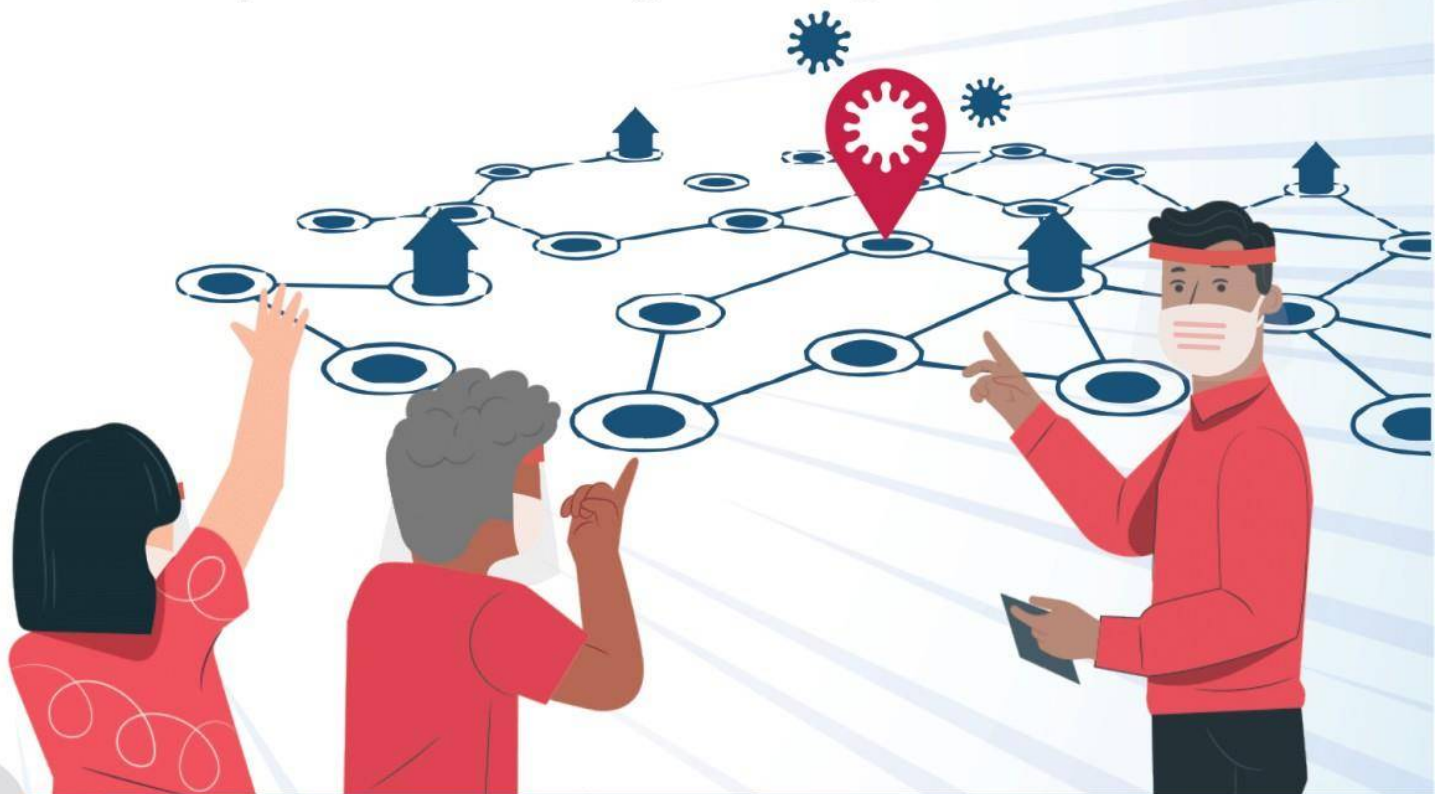
KAKAMPI NATIN ANG CONTACT TRACERS KONTRA COVID-19

Hindi kailangang kabahan, kaibigan.

Makinig sa payo ng mga contact tracers. Sa pamamagitan ng pakikipagtulungan, mananatiling protektado ang ating komunidad sa COVID-19.

Gawin natin ang parte natin.

I-report ang mga close contacts sa nakaraang 5 araw. Sabihin ang iyong totoong kalagayan sa mga contact tracers. Patuloy na sundin ang mga alituntunin para maiwasan ang COVID-19.



PAANO KUNG PINUNTAHAN NG CONTACT TRACER ANG AKING KAPITBAHAY?

Irespeto at tulungan ang ating kapwa. Hindi laging COVID-positive ang isang close contact. Kapag pinuntahan ng contact tracer ang iyong kapitbahay, huwag matakot. Huwag manood, lumabas, at kumuha ng litrato. Huwag maki-tsismis at maniwala sa tsismis.

MAGPA-TEST KUNG IKAW AY ISANG CLOSE CONTACT:

- May interaksyon sa taong may COVID-19 sa lapit na isang metro ng higit sa 15 minuto
- May direktang pisikal na interaksyon sa taong probable o confirmed na may COVID-19
- May interaksyon sa taong may COVID-19 nang walang suot na protective equipment

Ipagbigay alam sa BHERT (Barangay Health Emergency Response Team) kung ikaw ay isang close contact.

Ito ay upang malaman ang susunod na mga hakbang:

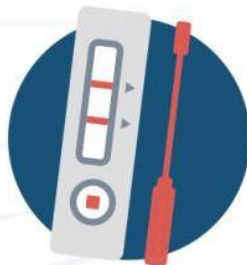
- COVID-19 testing
- Referral sa isang TTMF (temporary treatment and monitoring facility) o ospital, kung kinakailangan



ANONG TEST ANG MAAARING GAMITIN?



RT-PCR
Pinaka-mainam na test



ANTIGEN

Para sa mga tukoy na lugar na may mataas na kaso ng COVID-19 kung saan kulang ang RT-PCR

KELAN DAPAT MAGPATEST?



QUARANTINE

ISOLATION

Para kanino?	Mga close contact na walang sintomas	Mga may sintomas o kumpirmadong may COVID-19
Para saan?	Upang i-monitor ang iyong kalagayan	Upang maiwasan ang paghawa sa iba

MGA SINTOMAS NA KAILANGAN BANTAYAN

MILD

Lagnat, ubo, pagkapagod, kawalan ng ganang kumain, pananakit ng kasu-kasuhan; iba pang mga hindi tiyak na sintomas tulad ng pananakit ng lalamunan, baradong ilong, sakit sa ulo, pagtatae, pagkahilo o pagsusuka; pagkawala ng pang-amoy o panlasa bago ang simula ng mga sintomas sa paghinga; at WALANG sintomas ng pulmonya o kakulangan ng oxygen

MODERATE

Bata o matanda na may mga klinikal na sintomas ng banayad na pulmonya.

Matanda o may comorbidity or may ibang karamdaman (tulad ng hypertension, diabetes, at iba pa) na may banayad na sintomas lamang at WALANG sintomas ng pulmonya.


SEVERE

Bata o may matanda na may mga klinikal na sintomas ng matinding pulmonya o matinding impeksyon sa baga.

Bata na may mga klinikal na sintomas ng pulmonya (ubo o hirap sa paghinga) at isa sa mga sumusunod: kakulangan ng oxygen o SpO₂ <90%, matinding pagkabalisa sa paghinga, o mabilis na paghinga.

CRITICAL

Mga pasyente na nagpapakita ng acute respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis at / o septic shock.



Kung nakarararanas ka ng iba pang mga sintomas na nakababahala, agad na tumawag sa inyong BHERT.

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


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
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



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