



IOM and the German Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Anke Reiffenstuel, hand over essential PPEs to Admiral George Ursabia of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). ©IOM, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

2,814
Migrants supported with safe return

5,920
PPEs distributed

65
LGU representatives trained on CCCM

117
IDPs from 11 sites trained on peer support and MHPSS hotline

1,150
IDP families verified for Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)



PREPARE PREVENT PROTECT

In response to such multi-layered crisis (earthquakes, conflict and pandemic) IOM utilizes a multi-sectorial “Prepare, Prevent, Protect” (PPP) approach with the goal of mitigating the negative impact of COVID-19 on already vulnerable displaced communities. Each response is color coded to the areas the activities cover.



President Rodrigo Duterte addresses the UN General Assembly. ©Presidential Communications Operations Office, 2020

“In these times, we need stronger cooperation in promoting and protecting the rights of migrants, regardless of their migrants status. We must all adhere to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Unless states include all migrants in their response to this pandemic, “no one among us is safe, until everyone is safe,” as the Secretary-General said.”

Rodrigo Duterte
President, Philippines

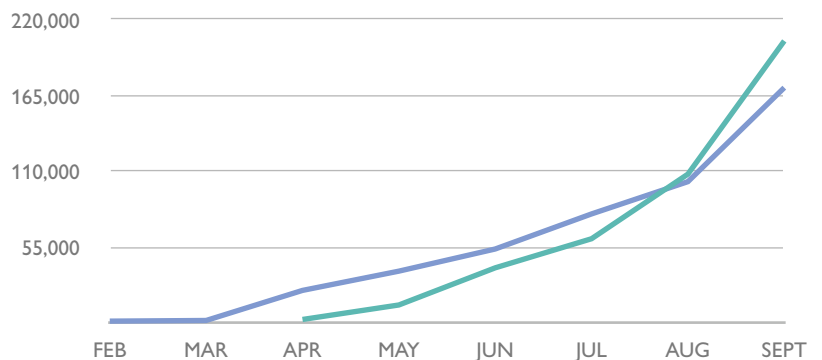
NUMBER OF RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (ROF) BY MONTHLY TOTAL ARRIVALS

9 February - 23 September 2020

376,628

Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROF) since February 2020

land-based repatriates sea-based repatriates



Source: DOH COVID-19 Response Report on ROFs



PCG gives arrival honors to H.E. Anke Reiffenstuel, German Ambassador to the Philippines, during the handover of PPEs at PCG headquarters. ©IOM, 2020



IDPs in Magsaysay, Davao del Sur formulate the WASH structure for the consumable hygiene refilling station. ©IOM, 2020



POINTS OF ENTRY

- IOM provided 43 buses to Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) for this reporting period (for a total of 146 buses since May, with 2,814 Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) served) to support the government's Hatid Tulong Program, providing onward transportation to OFWs to return home to their provinces.
- IOM will also provide vans to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) starting October. They will be used to shuttle vulnerable migrants (unaccompanied children, pregnant women, older people) between airport terminals and quarantine facilities.

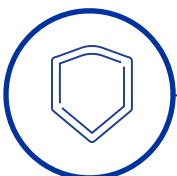


INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

- IOM distributed 5,920 PPEs to OWWA, DSWD and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) for their frontline personnel's use in daily operations. Some of the face shields and face masks will be distributed to OFWs and locally stranded individuals (LSI) at temporary shelters.
- Across the areas affected by the 2019 earthquakes in North Cotabato and Davao del Sur, a total of 50 handwashing stations were installed (14 in North Cotabato and 36 in Davao del Sur) to date. 12 soap refilling stations with hygiene consumables were also installed in Kidapawan and Tulunan, North Cotabato (10) and Bansalan, Davao del Sur (2).



An IOM-installed handwashing station in Magsaysay, Davao del Sur, Philippines, helps IDPs practice proper hand washing. ©IOM, 2020



PROTECTION

- The Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Hotline Manual is being finalized. 117 internally displaced persons (IDP) from 11 sites in North Cotabato were trained on peer support and handling of MHPSS hotline.
- IOM handed over 500 sleeping kits to the Ministry of Social Services and Development - Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (MSSD-BARMM) for the arrival of 400 transferees from Sabah on 24 September 2020.



A trained IDP demonstrates what he learned during a peer support training in North Cotabato, Philippines. ©IOM, 2020



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

- 65 local government unit (LGU) representatives from North Cotabato (25) and Davao del Sur (40) were trained by DSWD trainers on CCCM and Shelter, based on DSWD's COVID-19 operational guidelines.

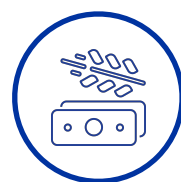


IOM trains IDP leaders on localized CCCM operational guidelines on COVID-19 in North Cotabato and Davao del Sur. ©IOM, 2020



DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

- The Returnee Survey has been rolled out starting 18 September, in partnership with OWWA and various CSOs. The survey is the first of its kind to use the QR code for registration. It will collect critical data with regards to the experience of returning OFWs, intentions post-return and access to services to inform UN and government interventions. It is being promoted via social media and through posters and flyers at airports and quarantine facilities.



ADDRESSING SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE CRISIS

- 1,150 IDP families were verified for multi-purpose case assistance (MPCA) and family handwashing kits distribution in four municipalities of Davao del Sur.
- 153 IDP families in Zamboanga City will receive MPCA next week through authorized remittance outlet in the city.

IOM's action to support migrants is supported with funding from:



As part of IOM's revised global COVID-19 Response Plan, the IOM Mission in the Philippines requires USD 6.3 million to support the Government's efforts to address the health and socio-economic consequences of the pandemic.

“ The fight against COVID-19 cannot be won unless the response plans in all countries include **MIGRANTS**. ”

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