



# Philippines: Build Universal Health Care Program (Subprogram 1)

Project Name	Build Universal Health Care Program (Subprogram 1)								
Project Number	55105-001								
Country	Philippines								
Project Status	Approved								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Loan 4145-PHI: Build Universal Health Care Program - Subprogram 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary capital resources</td> <td>US\$ 600.00 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 6832-PHI: Supporting Building Up Universal Health Care Program</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction</td> <td>US\$ 2.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	Loan 4145-PHI: Build Universal Health Care Program - Subprogram 1		Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 600.00 million	TA 6832-PHI: Supporting Building Up Universal Health Care Program		Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction	US\$ 2.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development								
Sector / Subsector	Health - Health sector development and reform								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming								
Description	The Government of the Philippines enacted the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act on 20 February 2019 to ensure equitable access to quality health services for all Filipinos with financial protection. The UHC Act envisioned the implementation of a series of reforms over at least 6 years and the proposed program will support the implementation of these health financing, service delivery, and performance monitoring reforms needed to achieve UHC. It is consistent with the Philippine Development Plan, 2017-2022; the country partnership strategy, 2018-2023 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB); and ADB's Strategy 2030. The programmatic approach will provide long-term support to improve the sequencing and implementation of UHC policy reforms and harmonize national and local-level reforms.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Philippine economy was hit hard by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and contracted by 9.6% in 2020. Unemployment soared to a record high of 17.6% by April 2020 before easing to 8.7% by October 2020. However, the economy is projected to recover to 4.5% in 2021. With regards to health outcomes, life expectancy at birth has increased from 63.7 years in 1980 to 71.1 years in 2018, and infant mortality decreased from 53.0 per 1,000 live births in 1980 to 21.6 per 1,000 in 2019. The share of deliveries at health facilities increased from 28% in 1993 to 78% in 2017, and the share of total births attended by skilled health providers rose to 84%. However, maternal mortality remains high at 121 per 100,000 livebirths in 2017 (a decrease from 180 in 1990), and adolescent fertility is still high at 55% as of 2018 (up from 52% in 1980). Noncommunicable diseases now account for 68% of all deaths, at an estimated economic cost of around Php756.5 billion per year while current health expenditure (CHE) remains low at 4.1% of 2019 GDP compared to the 2018 global average of 9.8%. Out of pocket spending for health remains high at 47.9% of CHE. Major health system constraints include insufficient government financing and uncoordinated health purchasing, inadequate and fragmented health services, and weak information management and accountability at the national and local government levels. In response, the UHC Act was enacted to guarantee access to quality health services for all Filipinos and address health system constraints. The program loan will support the Philippines implement the law and achieve universal health coverage.								
Impact									
Project Outcome									
Description of Outcome									
Progress Toward Outcome									
Implementation Progress									
Description of Project Outputs									
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)									
Geographical Location	Nation-wide								
Safeguard Categories									
Environment	C								
Involuntary Resettlement	C								
Indigenous Peoples	C								
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects									
Environmental Aspects									

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

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Responsible ADB Division	Human and Social Development Division, SERD
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#### Timetable

Concept Clearance	04 Jun 2021
Fact Finding	27 May 2021 to 17 Jun 2021
MRM	30 Jul 2021
Approval	19 Nov 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	19 Nov 2021

## Loan 4145-PHI

	Financing Plan Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Loan Utilization			
		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	600.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	600.00	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

## TA 6832-PHI

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00	-	0.00

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