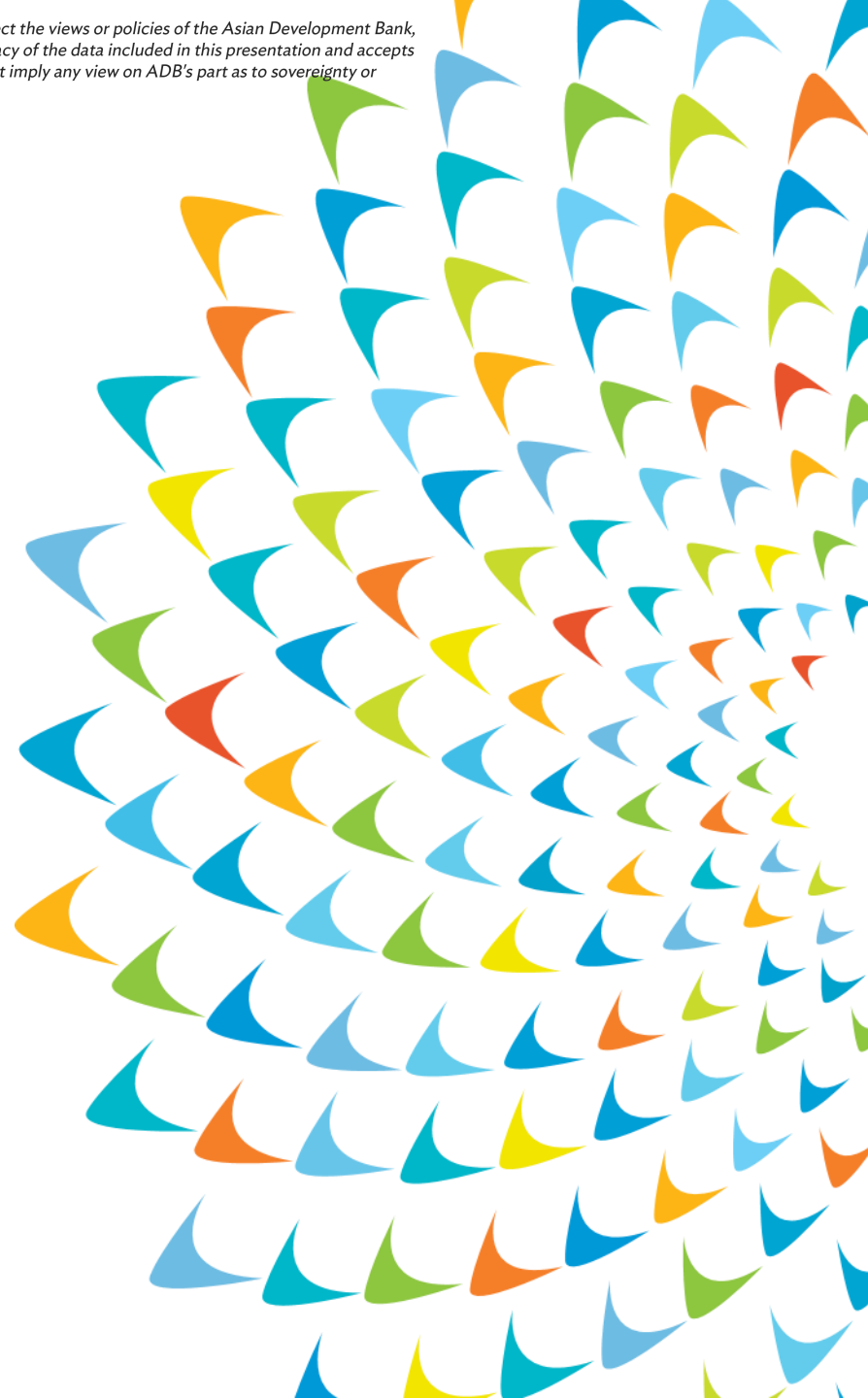


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Accelerating Expansion and Sustainability of Health Services for Universal Health Care (ACCESS-UHC) Project





Background

1. The Philippines continues to suffer from [unequal access to high-quality health services](#), both geographically and financially, resulting in suboptimal health outcomes.
 - BARMM region has no level 3 hospital beds; only 4 X-Ray machines and 3 CAT scan machines
 - Majority of other regions have only 0.01 to 0.03 level 3 hospital beds per 1,000 population
2. The DOH Health Facilities Enhancement Program spent ₱144 billion on upgrading facilities from 2017 to 2023, but there are [only 1,2 beds per 1,000 population and facilities are concentrated in urban areas](#).
3. Investments are thus required to [enhance the capacity of health facilities and laboratories in non-metro areas](#).



Basic Data

Title of Proposed Project	Accelerating Expansion and Sustainability of Health Services for Universal Health Care (ACCESS-UHC) Project
Country	Philippines
Sector	Health
Duration	5 years months from September 2026
Loan amount	<u>\$500 million:</u> \$370 million for output 1- specialized health services : civil works and equipping of hospitals, BUCAS and oxygen centers \$100 million for output 2 - pandemic preparedness: civil works and equipment of regional labs, FDA and blood centers \$30 million for output 3 - financial, procurement and project management information systems.
Grant amount	<u>\$3.5 million:</u> \$2.9 million for introduction of advanced technologies(VRF, PV) \$0.6 million for consultant service
Planned ADB Approval Date	The project is expected to be approved by the ADB Board by Q2 2026



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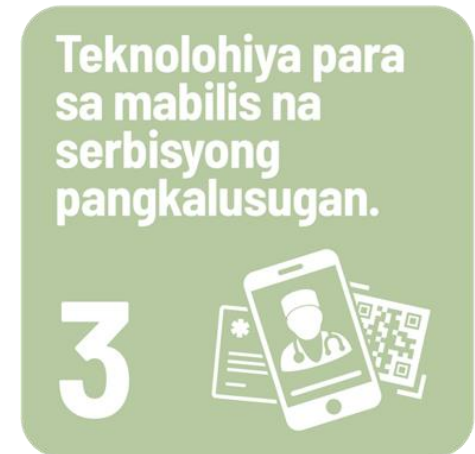
Project Outputs



Output 1:
Enhance Capacity for
Delivering Climate-Smart
Health Care Services



Output 2:
Improve Pandemic
Preparedness and
Prevention Capacity



Output 3:
Strengthen Project
Management Capacity.



Project Outputs

Output 1

- Construction and equipping of specialized services in 12 DOH hospitals
- Provision of essential equipment for >30 BUCAS Centers,
- Construction and equipment of 4 oxygen plants and oxygen tanks and concentrators for 20 sites

Output 2

- Construction and equipping of 4 regional laboratories
- Equipment for routine and emergency blood services at 11 sites
- Upgrading and equipping of 4 FDA buildings

Output 3

- Strengthening of financial management, procurement, supply chain, and logistics information systems
- Strengthening hospital, lab, and health facility information systems
- Strengthening of project management within DOH



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GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION							
Region	Specialty Center	OGP	Oxygen Supply	Laboratories	FDA	Blood Centers	TOTAL
NCR	1			1	1	1	4
CAR	1						1
Region 1	1		1	1		1	4
Region 2			1		1	1	3
Region 3						1	1
Region 4-A	1		2				3
Region 4-B			7				7
Region 5	2	1	3			1	7
Region 6	1		1				2
Region 7	1	1	1			1	4
Region 8	1			1		1	3
Region 9						1	1
Region 10	1		1			1	3
Region 11	1		1			1	3
Region 12		1		1		1	3
Region 13		1	1				2
BARMM	1		1				2
TOTAL	12	4	20	4	2	11	53



Reflections

- The ACCESS UHC is a large procurement project, and half of the project amount (about \$250 million) will be spent on equipment, and additional considerable investments are devoted to climate-resilient health infrastructure
- Equipment-intensive projects come with unique implementation challenges, requiring strong coordination between ADB and the government.
 - New Government Procurement Act of the Philippines
 - Merit Point Criteria of ADB



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