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Makati distributes cash aid to nearly 115K beneficiaries

MANILA – The local government of Makati has already rolled out and distributed some PHP5,000 cash assistance to 114,828 qualified individuals under the Makatizen Economic Relief Program (MERP).

“I am happy to report that we have already rolled out our cash assistance to over 114,800 residents in just six working days. This has been made possible through the digital platforms we have utilized to reach more beneficiaries

faster,” Makati Mayor Abigail Binay said Wednesday.

Makati residents are entitled to PHP5,000 cash assistance under the MERP, as part of the city’s relief efforts to mitigate the economic
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Prelates urged to help ‘Ambo’-hit residents

MANILA – Officials of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines - Episcopal Commission on Social Action, Justice and Peace on Thursday appealed for donations for people affected by Typhoon Ambo in the provinces of Samar, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, and Quezon.

Kidapawan Bishop Jose Colin Bagaforo and San Carlos Bishop Gerardo Alminaza, chairman and vice chairman of the commission, respectively, asked the support of their fellow prelates to help people affected by the calamity.

“Thus, our urgent and utmost appeal to our Brother Bishops: In this great time of need, we urge you to show solidarity to the Dioceses of Borongan and Catarman by giving your donations directly to them,” they said in a statement.

They urged fellow prelates to support the

Alay Kapwa (AK) Solidarity Fund, which is their primary source of local emergency response fund.

“In like manner, we enjoin you to collectively support our Alay Kapwa Program both at the diocesan and national levels. We need this solidarity mechanism to be able to appropriately and timely respond to the emergency needs of our communities, where the most vulnerable and marginalized families continue to be the most affected,” they said.

The two prelates added that they have been using AK Fund, especially for small-scale emergencies, and the advocacy campaigns of the National Social Action General Assembly since 2004.

“Typhoon Ambo has put more than 200,000 lives in much peril after it ravaged Samar and Quezon provinces several days ago.

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DPWH aims May 25 completion of health facility in Biñan, Laguna

QUEZON CITY, - The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) quickly mobilized the conversion of Alonte Sports Arena in Biñan, Laguna in response to the urgent and burgeoning need for healthcare facilities.

Citing a report from Undersecretary and DPWH Task Force for Augmentation of Health Facilities head Emil K. Sadain, Secretary Mark A.

Villar said that the quarantine facility will have a total of 68 bed cubicles and will cater to patients from the province of Laguna and other areas from the Southern Tagalog Region.

To hasten the build process, Undersecretary Sadain together with Department of Health (DOH) Assistant Secretary Leonita P. Gorgolon, DPWH Region 4A Assistant



The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) quickly mobilized the conversion of Alonte Sports Arena in Biñan, Laguna in response to the urgent and burgeoning need for healthcare facilities. (Photo from DPWH)

Director Jovel Mendoza and other Engineers conducted on Thursday, May 21.
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impact caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

The Makati LGU has earlier partnered with Globe GCash to implement a contactless and digitalized method of cash aid distribution, she said.

Binay said out of some 250,000 applications received since she announced the program, about 142,267 have been approved.

Around 10,000 applications were rejected by G-Cash, Binay said, due to incomplete and incorrect information submitted by the applicants.

She said appropriate steps will be provided for those rejected applicants, through a call or text message.

Personnel from the Makati LGU will explain why the application was rejected, she added.

"There is no need to panic because we have allotted enough budget for the program to cover 500,000 residents," she said.

Meanwhile, Binay urged residents to apply online for the program via the Makatizen App or the www.proudmakatizen.com portal, assuring them that the processing of online applications is now faster.

"Online applicants who qualify can receive their PHP5,000 in six working days after they register," she said, noting that residents can also view the status of their Makatizen by visiting www.proudmakatizen.com portal or through Makatizen App.

Beware of fraud

Binay also advised

cash aid recipients not to provide personal account details to anyone.

"Mag-ingat at huwag basta ibigay ang inyong GCash personal details sa mga taong nanghihingi ng impormasyon sa inyo sa pamamagitan ng text messages at email (be careful and don't provide your GCash details to people asking your information via text messages and email)," she said.

Binay made this call following reports that fraudsters are trying to take advantage of the Makati's financial assistance.

She said evolving phishing schemes are now being used by scammers to deceive the cash aid beneficiaries.

"Ang GCash Account ninyo ay maaaring ihalintulad sa isang bank account. Huwag ibigay ang mga detalye ng inyong account sa mga scammer (your GCash account is like to your bank account. Do not provide your account details to the scammer)," she said, adding that scammers are usually using an unknown number and email when doing fraudulent activities.

Binay said the local government and its partner GCash, will arrest fraudsters being caught from doing these illegal activities.

Under the Makatizen Economic Relief Program, the city government has allocated PHP2.7 billion to extend PHP5,000 to individual residents affected by the coronavirus crisis. (By Lade Jean Kabagani/PNA)

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unfortunately, it hit the Philippines while the country is battling against the meltdown

Covid-19 pandemic is causing," they added. They expressed hope that their appeal

PH coronavirus cases rise to 13,434, recoveries now 3K

MANILA – The number of confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases in the country has reached 13,434, with 213 more persons contracting the disease.

The Department of Health (DOH), in its case bulletin on Thursday, reported that there are 68 new recoveries and four new deaths.

The total number of recovered cases nationwide is now 3,000 while the death toll has climbed to 846.

Out of the 213 new cases, the DOH said 98 cases or 46 percent came from the National Capital Region; 98 cases or 46 percent from Region 7 (Central Visayas), and the remaining 17 cases or 8 percent were from other regions.

The total number of active cases nationwide is 9,588.

As of Wednesday,

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2020 the punch listing of tasks and items that need to be fixed or completed before the on-going 'We Heal As One Center' at Alonte Sports Arena can be considered finished.

The repurposing of Alonte Sports Arena into quarantine center under the supervision of DPWH Regional Office 4A is targeted to be turned-over by Monday, May 25, 2020 to the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID). The facility which

would be supported by the clergy.

"Ambo", the country's first tropical cyclone this year,

the DOH has a 13,295-total bed capacity dedicated to patients with Covid-19.

About 35.40 percent of the 2,701 ward beds are occupied; 36.50 percent of 9,299 isolation beds are occupied, and 35.10 percent of 1,295 intensive care unit beds are occupied.

There are 1,940 total ventilators for Covid-19 patients and about 17.80 percent of them are in use.

In Local Isolation and General Treatment Areas for Covid-19 cases (Ligtas Covid) facilities across the country, there are 42,898 beds dedicated to Covid-19 patients.

Meanwhile, there are 1,348 beds dedicated to Covid-19 patients in mega Ligtas Covid facilities. (By Ma. Teresa Montemayor/PNA)

will have nursing stations, sanitation chambers, and designated storage areas is in line with the government's effort to make sure that additional makeshift hospitals are available for possible COVID-19 patients in other areas outside Metro Manila.

Once completed, the Alonte Sports Arena will be the 10th mega quarantine facility to help ensure that the transmission of the COVID-19 disease can be better controlled. (DPWH)

battered Samar provinces and some areas in Quezon last week. (By Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)

Covid-19 survivors among health workers continue to rise

MANILA – The number of health workers recovering from the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) continues to rise as 31 persons were reported to have recovered, the Department of Health (DOH) said on Thursday.

In a Covid-19 virtual presser, DOH Promotion and Communication Service director Beverly Ho said the recoveries have reached 1,049 as the total health workers remain at 2,330.

"Of the total number, 1,250 are active cases. We're happy to report that we have not recorded any death due to Covid-19 among our healthcare workers yesterday," Ho said in a mix of English and Filipino.

Ho added there had been no deaths among health workers in the past 10 days.

"We also want to clarify the change in the number of deaths among health workers. The other day, we reported 35 deaths but yesterday it's 33 because we learned that two of them are no longer in active duty and today it's 31 because the two other deaths are non-healthcare workers," she said.

As of May 20, the DOH reported that the total number of nurses infected with Covid-19 stood at 850, with 670 doctors or physicians, 144 nursing assistants, 86 medical technologists, 42 radiologic technologists, and 291 non-medical staff members.

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Bacoor City, Cavite- In partnership with Goldilocks, SM Foundation Inc. distributed one hundred (100) meals for the heroes on duty at the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital. The frontliners had a goldi-good day and were thankful for the sweet and thoughtful gesture for them as they continue to fight against Covid-19.


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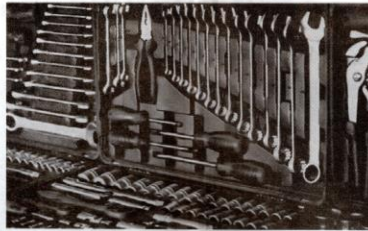
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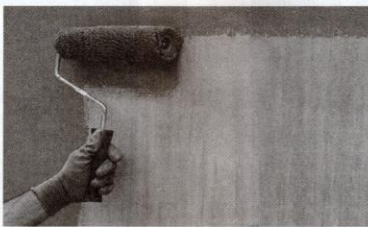
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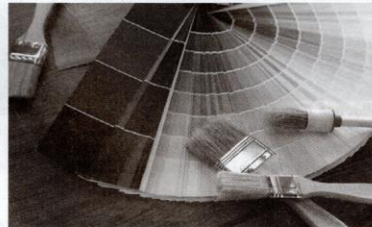


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AFP completes 6 Emergency Quarantine Facilities, turns over 2 in Tondo

QUEZON CITY, – The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) through its various engineering units completed the construction of six more Emergency Quarantine Facilities (EQFs) within and outside Metro Manila since April 28.

Two of the facilities with 44-bed capacity were turned over to the Tondo National High School (TNHS), Manila on Thursday, May 21. The AFP Chief of Staff, General Felimon Santos Jr. attended the turnover ceremony along with Manila City Mayor Francisco “Isko” Domagoso.

Joining the ceremony was Architect William Ti Jr. of the WTA Architecture + Designs Studio who leads the EQF project. Also present were Dr. Patrick Gitonga of the Samaritan’s Purse who partnered with WTA for the EQF project and Principal Sonny Valenzuela of TNHS.

“It is the AFP’s great hope that these newly constructed Emergency Quarantine Facilities here in Tondo shall serve its purpose of aiding hospitals to accommodate the increasing number of suspected and probable COVID-19 cases,” General Santos said.

The facilities were built through the efforts of the Office of The Chief Engineer, AFP led by Major General

William Ilagan through the 51st Engineering Brigade led by Brigadier General Emmanuel Anthony Ramos.

Other completed EQFs were in Batangas Healthcare Specialist; The Medical City, Batangas; Perpetual Help Las Piñas; and Caloocan City North Medical Center. Each EQF was built by 20 soldiers within five to six days using power tools and around four truckloads of materials.

Meanwhile the sites for completion are in Novaliches District Hospital, Quezon City; Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital, Quezon City; two in Brgy. Sucat, Parañaque; and two in Taguig-Pateros District Hospital.

Previously, 78 EQFs were completed by AFP in partnership with various organizations. Under the WTA project, 10 were built by all-soldier construction teams while 52 were constructed by composite military and civilian teams.

Moreover, 10 were completed under the San Miguel Foundations Projects; one was made possible in partnership with a generous group from Davao; two were built in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City; and three were constructed under the AFP Health Service Command initiative.

“The men and women of the AFP shall

MANILA – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) is eyeing the integration of an online digital contact tracing platform into the country’s public transportation as a means to curb the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

In an online town hall meeting with other government officials and youth leaders on Thursday, DOTr Assistant Secretary Goddess Hope Libiran said that while contact tracing for public transportation in the aviation and maritime sectors are easier due to existing processes on the recording of passenger information, the difficulty lies in the road sector.

To ensure that the information of passengers of public utility vehicles (PUV) in road transport is properly recorded and in a more convenient manner, she said the DOTr is set to meet with private organizations that could provide an online contact tracing platform.

“M a m a y a kakausapin namin mga contact tracing companies like StaySafe.ph. Para hindi na mano-mano ang contact tracing, digital na (Later we will have a discussion with

remain devoted as they abide by their sworn pledge to protect our people, especially those from the most vulnerable sectors of our society. With the aid of the ingenious creations of

DOTr eyes online contact tracing for public transportation

contact tracing companies like StaySafe.ph for digital means of contact tracing,” Libiran said.

According to its website, StaySafe.ph is a “community-driven contact tracing, health condition reporting, and social distancing system” and has an application that is available on Google Play and the Apple App Store.

Currently, drivers and conductors of public utility buses (PUB) will be required to provide every passenger with a passenger contact form to facilitate contact tracing, as stated under Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) memorandum circular 2020-019 released early this week.

“[The form] must be filled up by the passenger and submitted prior to alighting the bus. Each bus must be provided with a dropbox for this purpose,” the memorandum read.

The memorandum, which sets the guidelines for the operation of PUBs in Metro Manila once the metropolis is eased into a general community quarantine, also advised passengers to take note of the plate number or body

professionals from the private sector, your soldiers will continue to fulfill their duty to the state and the citizens amidst this war against an unseen enemy,” General Santos said. (AFP)

number of PUBs they boarded the date and time they boarded, and the route.

“Operators/Drivers shall display this reminder with the plate number of the vehicle prominently visible by all passengers,” the memorandum read.

Buses and modern jeeps preferred

During the town hall meeting, Libiran said PUBs and modern jeepneys would be given preference in the resumption of operation of PUVs, over traditional jeepneys and other means of public transportation because of their higher passenger capacity and existing contactless fare collection system.

However, she said the LTFRB would allow the operation of traditional jeepneys and other smaller PUVs in

areas without enough PUBs or modern jeepneys subject to physical distancing and other guidelines set by the government regulators.

Earlier, the DOTr announced that AF Payments Inc., a private company offering automatic fare collection system services, has decided to waive its maintenance and processing fees for PUVs, which previously amounted to 4-6 percent of daily gross revenues.

DOTr Secretary Arthur Tugade said cashless or contactless transactions, apart from reducing the possible transmission of Covid-19, would be to the advantage of PUV operators since it reduces “pilferage and other losses.” (By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz/PNA)

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Ho noted that the number of health workers infected with Covid-19 started to drop on April 11.

For the emergency hiring of health workers, the DOH has received a total of 184 facility requests as of May 20.

“We already have 6,546 slots approved for hiring in 172 hospitals and quarantine facilities, Philippine Arena Covid-19 facility, and QI (Quezon Institute) temporary quarantine facility. We have 2,536 personnel hired in hospitals and quarantine facilities,” DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said.

She added there

were 1,129 redeployed nurses under the DOH Workers Deployment Program, 178 in Luzon, and 951 in the Visayas and Mindanao.

For the safety of the healthcare workers, the DOH has distributed personal protective equipment to different health facilities nationwide. These include 783,645 coveralls; 4,570,700 face masks; 1,526,270 gloves; 748,414 gowns; 552,200 Kn95 masks; 479,100 N95 masks; 204,876 face shields; 870,805 headcaps; 2,672 thermal scanners; 659,528 goggles; 30 non-invasive ventilators; and 10 sanitation tents. (By Teresa Montemayor/PNA)