

Recommendations for Government

to facilitate Smooth
Business Operations of
Pharmaceutical Companies
under the 'New Normal'



The Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Association of the Philippines (PHAP) and its member companies are committed to partner with the Philippine Government in ensuring that all Filipino patients have continued access to medicines, vaccines and medical devices in this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

**With the increasing challenges posed by this pandemic,
PHAP members have stepped-up their efforts:**



**to fast track the development of
safe and effective COVID-19
treatments and vaccines**



**to implement measures for
uninterrupted supply of
medicines for both COVID-19
and other conditions**



**to launch a campaign to protect
our health workers and generate
funds for their medical needs.**

Research-based companies have stepped up efforts to develop diagnostics, vaccines and treatments in response to COVID-19



Checking existing drug and vaccine portfolios

Our scientists are searching for potentially useful assets that could help with the development of new or repurposed treatments or vaccines to fight against the novel coronavirus.

These include diagnostics and biomarkers, approved therapies or compounds in development.

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Potential treatments under study

82

Candidate vaccines under pre-clinical evaluation

7

Candidate vaccines under clinical evaluation



Collaborating to fast track the development of treatments and vaccines

We are collaborating with governments, global health and research organisations, and pharmaceutical laboratories to share knowledge, libraries and technologies. More recently, we co-launched a landmark global collaboration called 'Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator'

CEPI

New vaccines for a safer world



World Health Organization



innovative medicines initiative

BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation

NIH
National Institutes of Health



Accelerating manufacturing capabilities

We are leveraging our manufacturing technologies to allow a rapid upscale of production once a medicine or vaccine candidate is identified to meet the needs of most affected populations.



PHAP-members have implemented measures for uninterrupted supply of medicines for COVID and other life-threatening conditions

Ensuring manufacturing capacity are at optimal levels

Keeping plants open to maintain steady supply of medicines

Managing inventories, redirecting supplies towards the Philippines



Distributing medicines across checkpoints implemented through varying local ordinances.

Implementing new logistical arrangements, chartering flights

Collectively, these have substantially increased costs and expenses taken and absorbed by companies

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- Single guideline for all LGUs
- Special lanes for pickup, delivery, including personnel assigned to these tasks
- Support for the continued movement of essential supplies in cases of port closures.
- Expedited Customs clearance especially for temperature sensitive products



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- Forecasts on which medicines and how many are needed in the country for the duration of the pandemic, for adequate production planning and inventory management.

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Establishment of sound regulatory guidelines facilitating access to medicines and vaccines

- Joint guidelines for the entry, use, dispensing, and monitoring of experimental therapies and diagnostics
- Special certification schemes, accelerated approval/compassionate entry for potential novel treatments
- Exemptions from country specific labeling requirements to address supply/services restrictions



FDA

**Coronavirus
Treatment
Acceleration
Program (CTAP)**



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

Guidance for medicine developers and companies on COVID-19 [Share](#)



Australian Government
Department of Health
Therapeutic Goods Administration

**Clinical Trial
Notification**

**Special Access
Scheme**

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Management of retail and maximum consumer purchases

- Encourage patients not to overstock
- Implementation and monitoring of maximum purchase policy
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Strong communication and collaboration with the private sector

- Continuous dialogue and collaboration with research-based pharma companies
- Supply Security TWG
- Collaborative activities – webinars, hackathons

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Instead of mandatory price cuts, we ask the government to consider more sustainable approaches to improving access to medicines, viable for an industry that has contributed and closely worked with the government in this pandemic.

We advocate for:



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Better prices through pooled procurement

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Hospital
Procurement



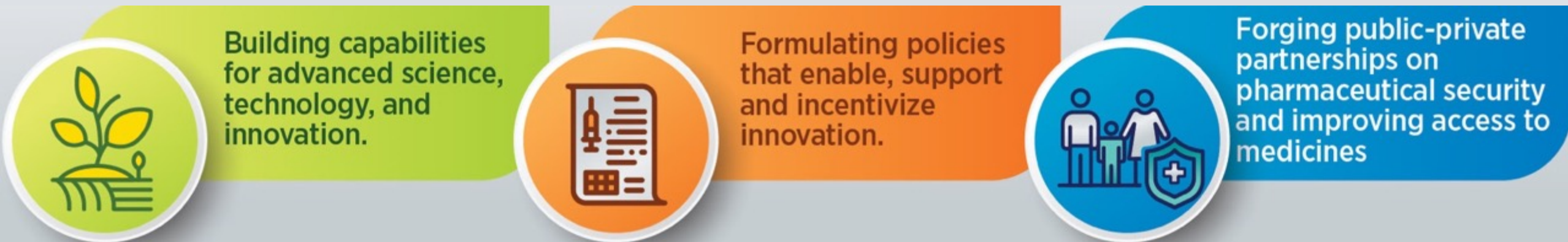
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Procurement

Pooled procurement is a timely support that the government can provide to the Filipino people, especially for those whose finances have already been affected by COVID 19

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A BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO INNOVATION





Thank you!

