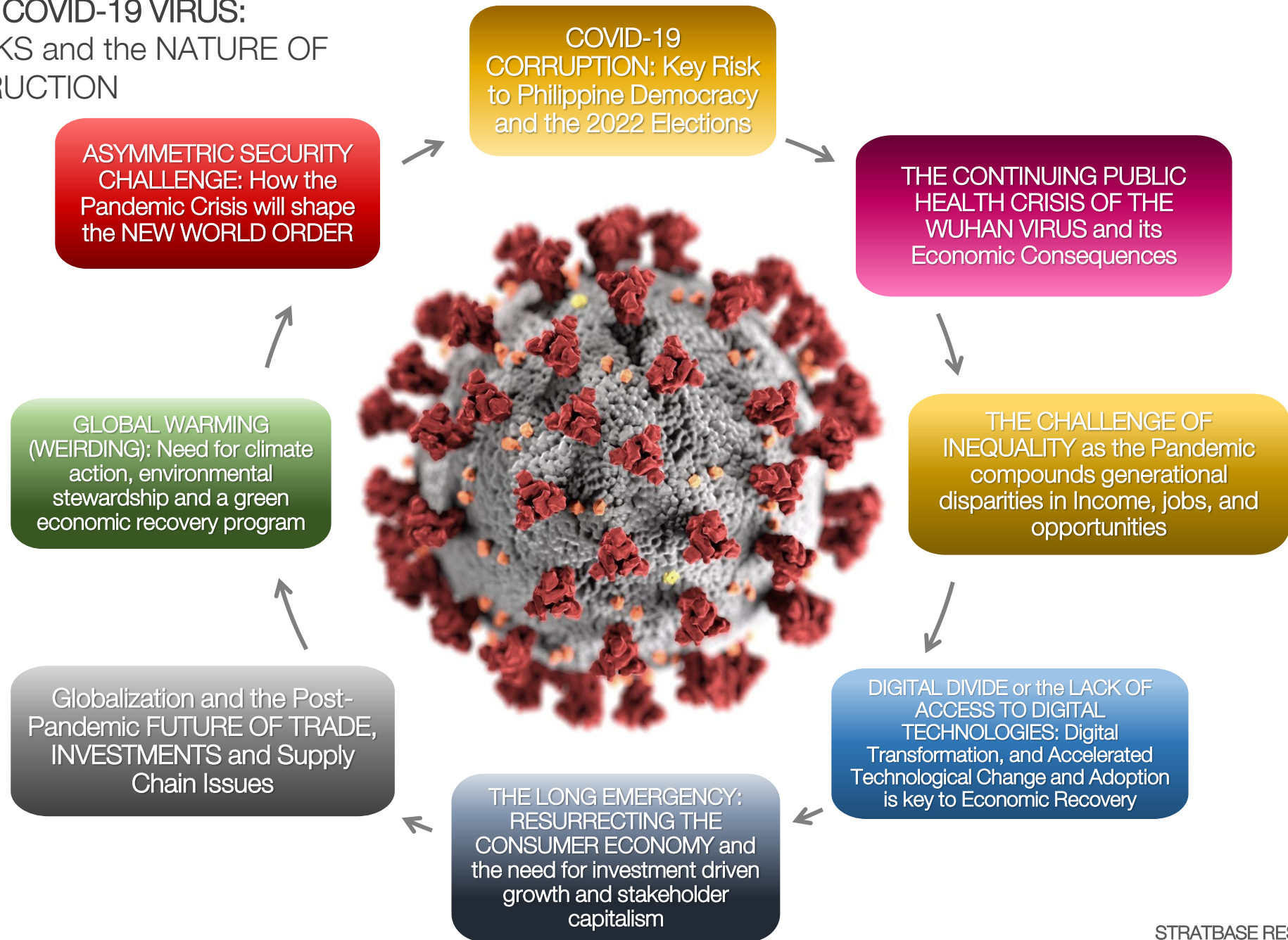


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The Philippines has been regarded as one of the countries that are **most vulnerable to natural disasters**, which in recent years has been worsening due to climate change.

According to the 2020 World Risk Index, out of the 180 countries assessed, the Philippines ranked as the **9th riskiest country in terms of disasters**. The Philippines is also **at high risk of sea-level rise, cyclones and earthquakes**. These natural disasters result in **economic losses equal to 0.7% to 1.0% of the country's annual gross domestic product (GDP)**, according to the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

However, the Philippines' **disaster resilience policies remain reactionary rather than anticipatory** in its attempt to mitigate the impact of natural disasters.

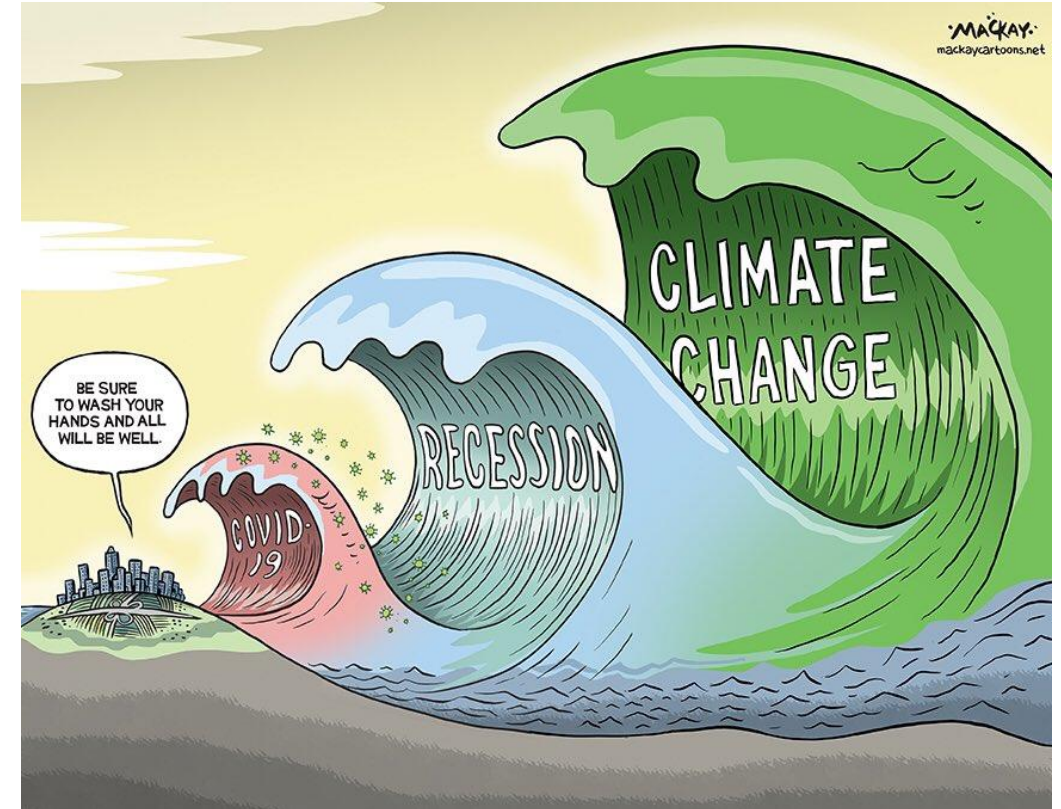


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# PROMOTE CLIMATE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

It is evident that urban and emerging urban areas are becoming hubs for economic and industrial activities that contribute to the country's socio-economic growth. However, it may also be a cause of its downfall if unsustainably planned and managed. For a country that is already highly vulnerable to natural disasters and has a large proportion of the population living in poverty, resilience will require quick on-the-ground preparations, mitigations and adaptations.

Communities need to plan with “green” designs that are based on sustainability principles, and investments that not only generate more jobs, spur the economy, and minimize costs, but also protects the environment.



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# PROMOTE WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY APPROACH

Climate change is a long-term threat that has and will continue to endanger the planet's survival. Due to this problem's multi-sectoral nature, all stakeholders must take part in the solution. Only with a whole-of-society approach can this desired outcome be achieved, and swiftly integrate genuine sustainability into all aspects of peoples' lives.

Collectively, it uplifts the lifestyle, reduces the poverty, and contributes to the inclusive socio-economic development of the country.



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“An inclusive and quality health system, energy transition, environmental protection, and strategic partnerships are cornerstones for a green economic **recovery**. It allows us to improve the standard of life, inclusive development, and an overall healthy environment.”

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