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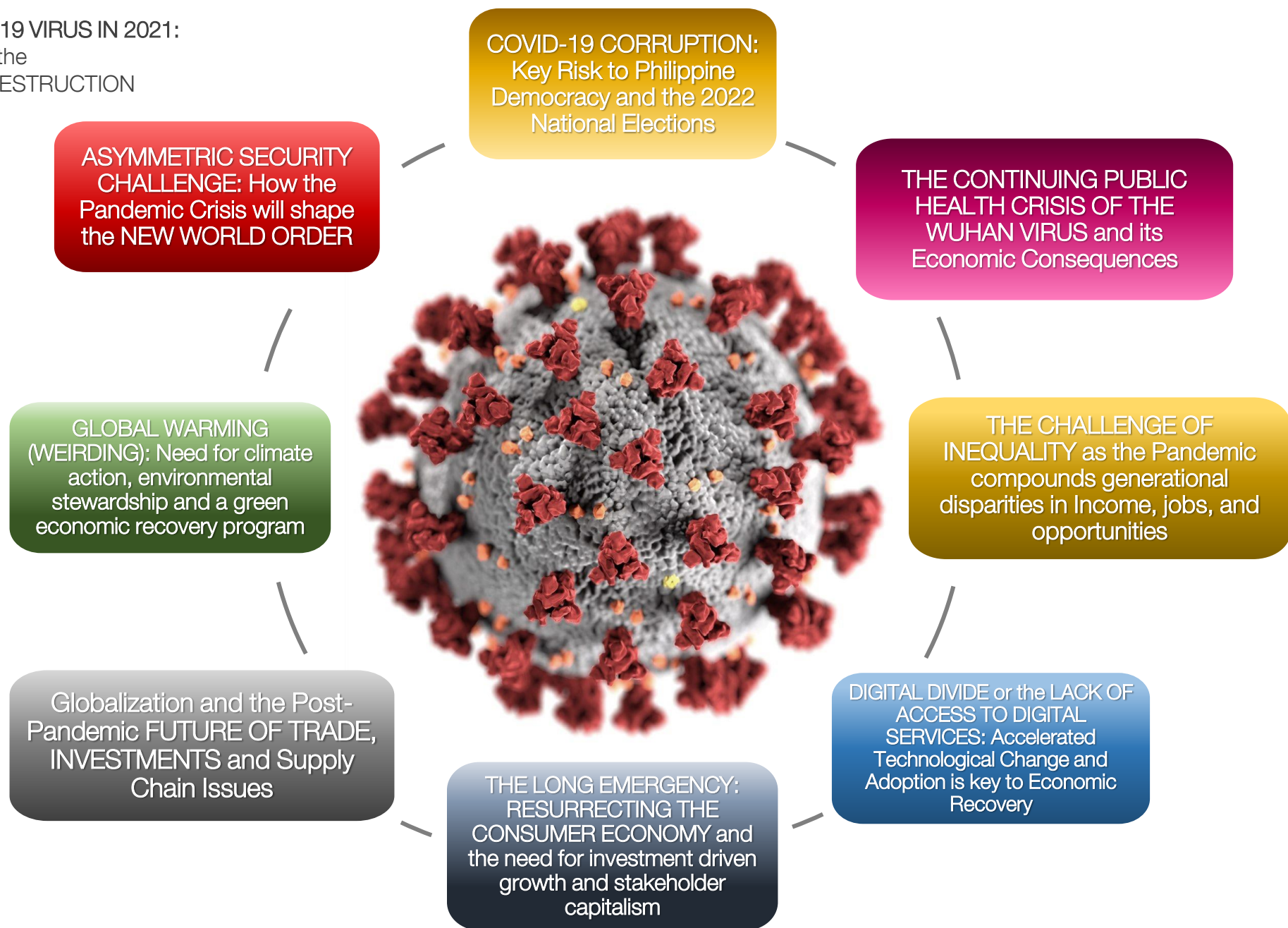
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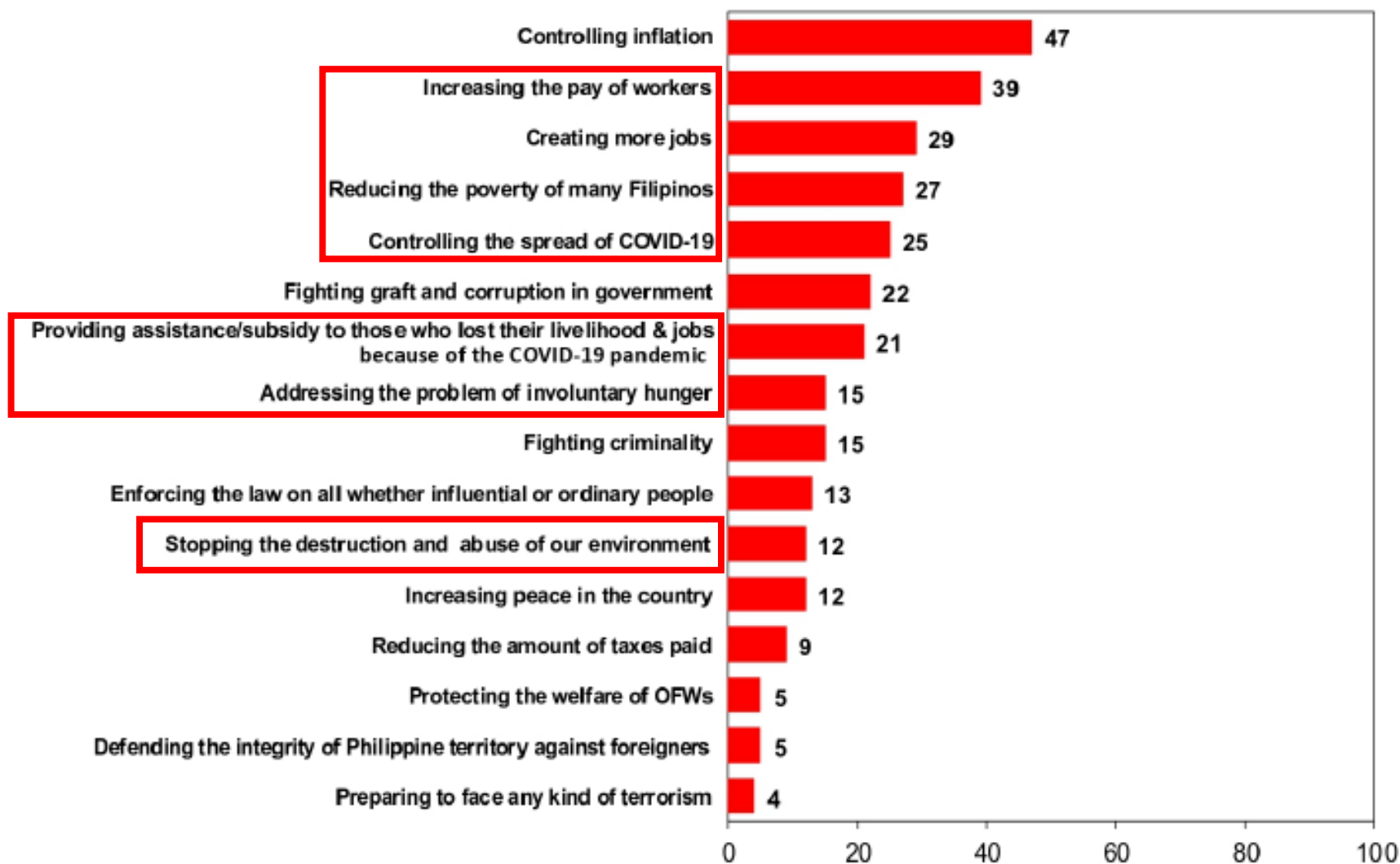
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LIVING WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS IN 2021:
8 PANDEMIC RISKS and the
NATURE OF CREATIVE DESTRUCTION



MOST URGENT NATIONAL CONCERNS

February 22 – March 3, 2021 / Philippines / PR1&2
(In Percent / Multiple Response Allowed)



ISSUES PRIVATE INVESTORS CAN HELP ADDRESS

September 14 - 20, 2020 / Philippines
(In Percent / Multiple Response Allowed)

Base: Aware of any news on COVID-19, 100%								
Of the following issues, which can private investors help address? You may choose as many as possible.	LOCATION					CLASS		
	BAL							
	RP	NCR	LUZ	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
Creating jobs	90	93	95	80	86	86	90	88
Expanding livelihood opportunities	68	64	68	65	71	75	69	55
Alleviating poverty	62	63	58	71	61	56	61	67
Improving healthcare systems	43	48	44	37	42	53	41	45
<u>UNAIDED</u>								
Don't know	0.3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

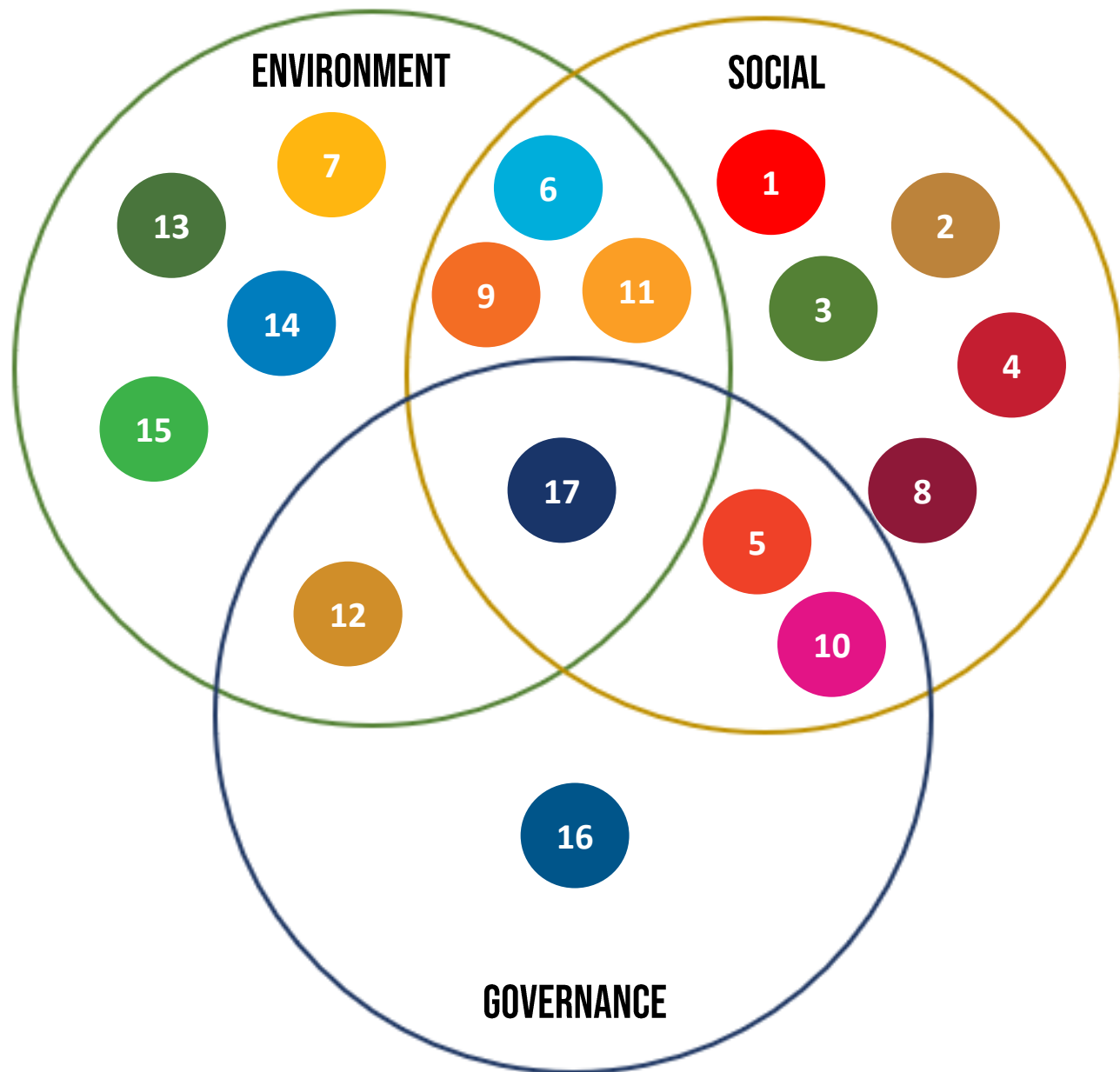
Q31. Sa mga sumusunod na isyu, saan makatutulong ang mga pribadong namumuhunan o private investors? Maaari po kayong pumili ng kahit ilan.

The private sector, through ESG, plays a vital role in advancing the country's sustainable development.

The **interconnected challenges** in public health, the economy, and the environment **cannot be ignored**. These have greatly disrupted global economic growth and punctuates the urgency to rebuild a more sustainable and resilient future.

The Philippines, must **pursue a “green” and sustainable economy** that would harness new innovations and strategies for **economic growth, environmental stewardship, climate resilience, and public health**.

The private sector, without a doubt, plays a vital role in advancing the country's sustainable development. **By adopting Environment, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) principles, a new order of sustainable ecosystems will arise** by pushing for green investments, responsible and efficient business operations and reporting, as well as efficient pollution management.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Private sector ESG initiatives in synergy with the whole-of-society

Every private sector-led initiative grounded on ESG will nurture a better and more sustainable future that will result in positive long-term returns for the economy, society, and the environment.

However, the private sector alone cannot address the far-reaching changes that sustainability will require. The government, and with the help of civil society's lenses, should set the much-needed responsive policies and frameworks that are conducive to doing business while ensuring compliance with ESG principles.

The synergy of good policy, all-sectoral cooperation, and innovative technologies will create a sustainable economic culture that will build inclusive prosperity by responsibly harnessing our natural resources, effectively controlling pollution, integrating energy-efficient infrastructures, and administered under good governance and upright social values.

As far as society is concerned, how a company behaves is now as important as what it sells, produces, or provides; why accountability in these core issues of Environment, Social, and Corporate Governance matters more than ever.

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