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BRIDGING THE GAP:

Reducing Inequality in the Philippines for Inclusive Growth

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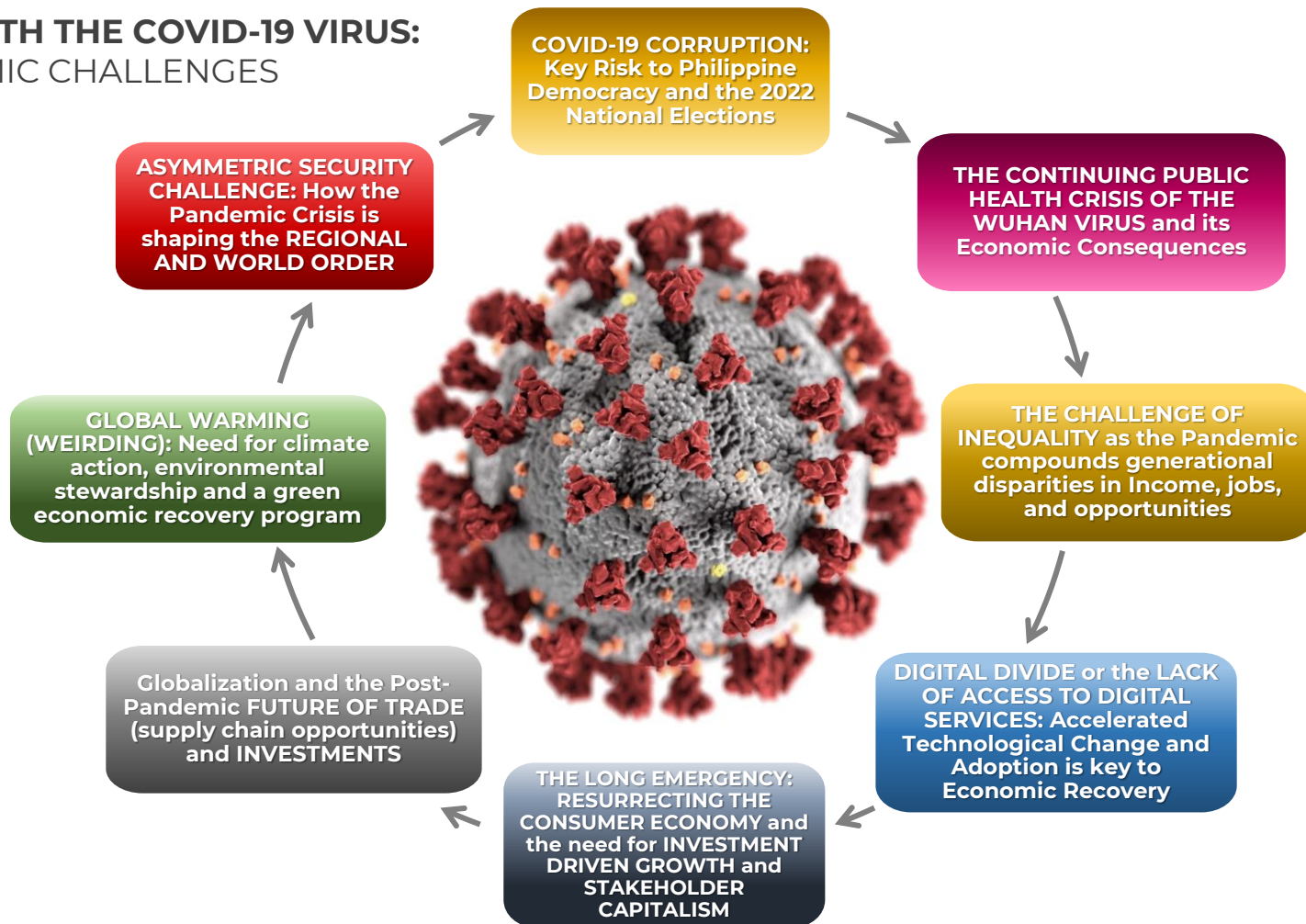


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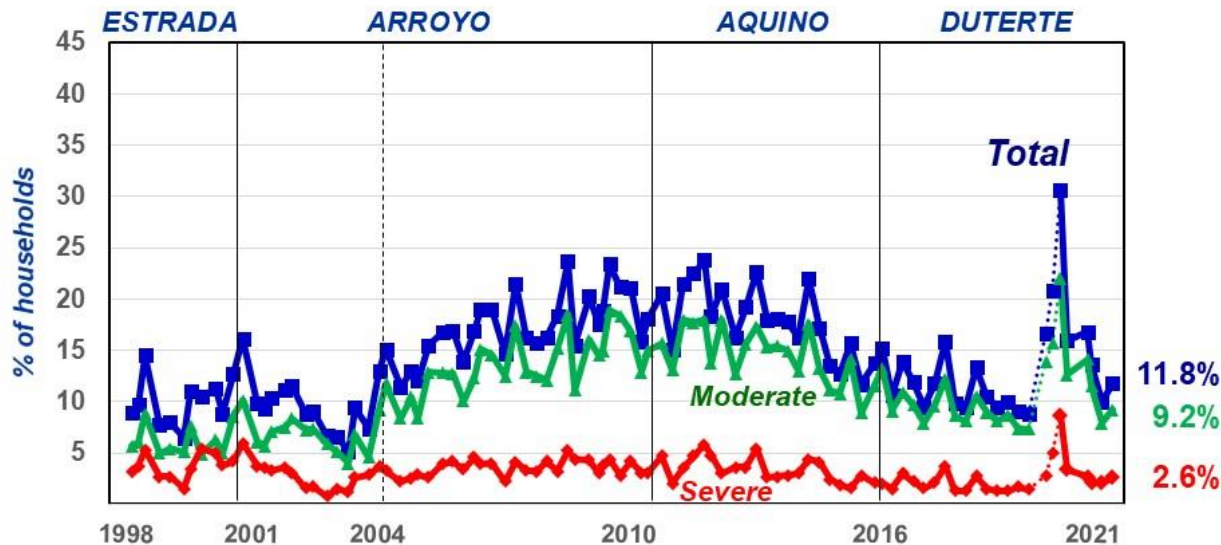


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LIVING WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS: 8 PANDEMIC CHALLENGES



TOTAL, MODERATE, AND SEVERE HUNGER: PHILIPPINES, JUL 1998 – DEC 2021

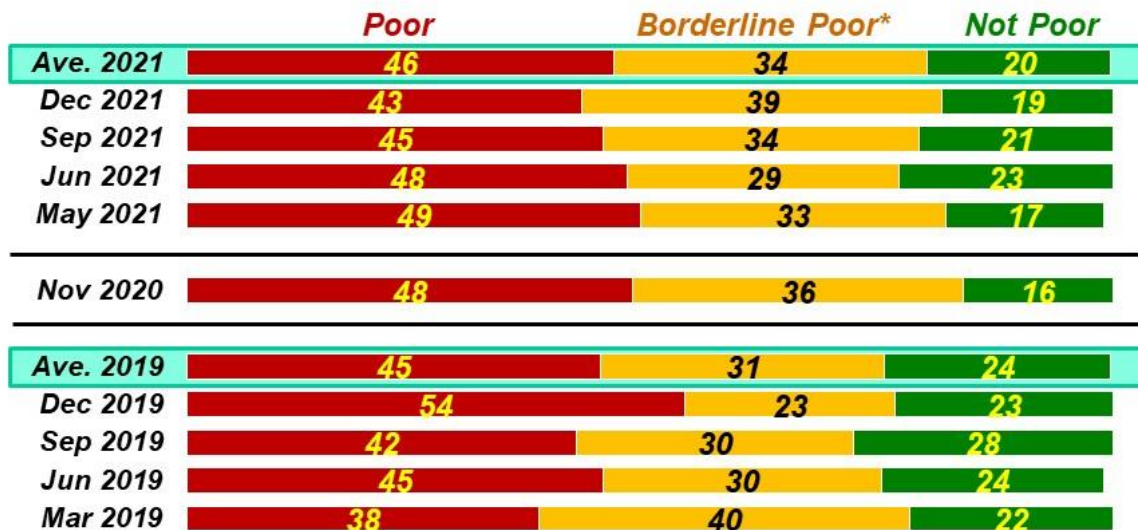


Note: Don't Know and Refused responses are not shown. All points connected by broken lines are from mobile phone surveys. Face-to-face interviewing resumed in November 2020.

*Q: In the last 3 months, did it happen even once that your family experienced hunger and not have anything to eat?
[Moderate: Only once + A few times; Severe: Often + Always]*

**Fourth Quarter 2021 Social Weather Report
December 12-16, 2021 National Survey**

SELF-RATED POVERTY: FAMILIES WHO ARE “MAHIRAP”: PHILIPPINES, MAR 2019 TO DEC 2021



Self-Rated Poverty Question: Where would you place your family in this card? (Not poor, On the line, Poor)

*Those who pointed to the horizontal line separating the options MAHIRAP (poor) and HINDI MAHIRAP (not poor) are classified as 'Borderline Poor.'

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MOST URGENT NATIONAL CONCERNS FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO ADDRESS: OVERALL

February 18 - 23, 2022 / Philippines
(Multiple Response, up to 3 allowed / In Percent)

Base: Those with a 1st choice for president, 96%

NATIONAL CONCERNS	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	C	D	E
Controlling inflation	49	45	49	48	51	45	50	48
Improving/Increasing the pay of workers	40	44	38	42	41	32	40	48
Fighting graft and corruption in government	32	33	30	31	33	42	32	24
Curbing the widespread sale and use of illegal drugs	30	23	30	32	30	32	29	30
Reducing poverty of many Filipinos	26	35	26	24	25	19	27	26
Creating more jobs	26	34	29	21	20	24	25	28
Enforcing the law on all whether influential or ordinary people	16	18	13	18	19	23	16	15
Fighting criminality	15	12	15	13	18	15	16	14
Promoting peace in the country	12	12	10	11	15	9	13	9
Disaster preparedness, including giving early warnings for typhoons, floods, landslides & other disasters/calamities	10	8	9	12	9	7	9	14
Speed of responding to the needs of those affected by typhoons and other disasters/calamities	9	6	7	15	10	7	9	12
Stopping the destruction and abuse of our environment	9	7	9	10	10	10	9	12
Defending the integrity of Philippine territory against foreigners	9	11	13	6	3	17	9	6
Protecting the welfare of OFWs	6	4	8	7	5	7	6	8
Curbing the spread of illegal gambling like jueteng	6	4	6	6	7	4	6	5
Preparing to successfully face any kind of terrorism	4	5	5	3	4	7	4	4
<u>UNAIDED</u>								
Others	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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ACTIONS THAT THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION SHOULD FOCUS ON TO IMPROVE THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, **BY AREA, OCT 2021**

	<u>PH</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>BAL. LUZ</u>	<u>VIS</u>	<u>MIN</u>
Providing jobs	80%	78%	83%	77%	77%
Controlling the prices of basic services and commodities	50	55	63	38	32
Reducing corruption in government	42	48	57	32	17
Developing health infrastructures	40	36	48	31	33
Developing educational infrastructures	33	31	40	31	24

Q. Alin po sa mga sumusunod ang dapat pagtuunan ng pansin ng susunod na administrasyon upang mapabuti ang ekonomiya ng Pilipinas? (SHUFFLE CARD) (MULTIPLE ANSWER ALLOWED)

OCTOBER 20-23, 2021

ISSUES THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN ADDRESS TO BOOST THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY

December 1 - 6, 2021 / Philippines / PR2
(In Percent / Up to 3 Responses Allowed)

Base: Total Interviews, 100%								
In your opinion, which of the following can private investors address to boost the Philippine economy? You may give up to three issues.	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
Creating jobs	58	61	53	67	58	57	57	65
Help uplift the lives of Filipinos out of poverty	57	39	62	60	56	35	60	61
Expanding livelihood opportunities	52	61	51	56	43	50	51	55
Improving healthcare systems	39	26	50	35	31	37	42	25
Improving the quality of and access to digital services	28	31	29	23	29	36	27	31
Improving the quality of education	24	37	21	20	26	35	23	26
Managing natural resources and taking care of the environment	20	18	18	22	23	22	20	18
Developing public infrastructure	18	14	14	17	30	20	18	19
UNAIDED								
Others	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pamimigay ng puhunan	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PR2, Q85. Sa inyong palagay, alin-alin po sa mga sumusunod ang maaaring tugunan ng mga pribadong mamumuhunan o mga "private investors" upang makaahon ang ekonomiya ng Pilipinas? Maaari po kayong magbigay ng hanggang tatlong sagot.

TEST STATEMENT: “The government should engage the private sector to invest in public infrastructures such as roads, bridges, and airports to save government funds for COVID-19 response”, OCT 2021

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Net*</u>
Philippines	81%	11%	7%	+75
NCR	76	12	12	+64
Balance Luzon	81	11	8	+74
Visayas	81	12	7	+74
Mindanao	84	12	2	+82
Urban	81	10	9	+72
Rural	82	12	5	+77
18-24	84	9	6	+79
25-34	81	12	7	+74
35-44	83	12	5	+78
45-54	78	12	9	+70
55 and above	81	12	7	+74
None/Up to some Elementary	80	14	4	+76
Elem grad/Some JHS	84	9	6	+79
JHS grad/Voc/some College	80	12	8	+72
College grad/Post graduate	81	11	8	+73

* Net figures (% Agree minus % Disagree), correctly rounded

TEST STATEMENT: "The growth of the Philippine economy will be accelerated if the government collaborates with the private sector," OCT 2021

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Net*</u>
Philippines	82%	12%	6%	+75
NCR	80	12	8	+73
Balance Luzon	86	8	6	+80
Visayas	74	16	10	+63
Mindanao	81	15	4	+77
Urban	80	11	9	+72
Rural	83	12	5	+78
18-24	84	12	4	+80
25-34	82	14	5	+77
35-44	83	11	5	+78
45-54	84	8	9	+75
55 and above	79	13	8	+71
None/Up to some Elementary	79	18	4	+75
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Addressing the Challenge of Generational Inequality

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the country's crippling problem of inequality. While such inequality is an accepted reality in life for many Filipinos, **the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this predicament.** Long, stringent, and large-scale lockdowns imposed by government, which were intended to curb the spread of the virus, also resulted in the **sharp rise in unemployment, closure of businesses, alarming inflation rates, an economic recession, and other economic insecurities.**

Amid this situation, **only a small segment of society was prepared to deal with an unexpected shock as massive as the ongoing pandemic.** On the other hand, the most vulnerable groups became collateral damage of the government's knee-jerk measures in response to the public health emergency.

Promoting Inclusive Growth

Inequality is a deeply complex issue with no single solution. As such, **the inequality that persists in the Philippines requires a multi-stakeholder strategy.**

Specifically, **public-private partnerships** are crucial as there is no single player that possesses all the necessary resources, expertise, and networks. **Investments by the private sector – especially in healthcare and education – can provide jobs, livelihood, income, and a comfortable life for many Filipinos in the long run.**

But for these to be achieved, the government should provide **a conducive environment for the private sector to thrive** as an effective partner to government in making public services available, especially to those who need help the most.

Thank you!



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