



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

MESSAGE

The Philippines is one with the United States and the rest of the international community in saving lives and building capacities to address pandemics.

The Philippine has already administered over 40 million shots, with about 20 percent of its population having received at least one dose. Our goal is to vaccinate at least 77 million Filipinos by the end of this year, and up to 80 to 90 percent of our 110 million population by 2022.

We are grateful for the support of and partnership with the COVAX Facility and partner countries such as the United States in our fight against COVID-19. We thank the United States, in particular, for ramping up its vaccine donations and helping facilitate wider access to life-saving vaccines.

But the world still needs to do more.

The Philippines will do its share in augmenting vaccine supply. We will explore establishing local vaccine development and manufacturing capacity through partnerships with the private sector and those with technical know-how.

We will continue to innovate. Together with the academe, research institutions and the private sector, we have initiated clinical studies for COVID-19 supplementary treatments and local production of necessary medical supplies and devices.

Finally, we will enhance science-driven responses to the pandemic. We have supported the WHO Solidarity Vaccine Trials and are conducting studies on real-world effectiveness of vaccine currently in use in our country.

The Philippines will continue to work with the United States and other partners in achieving comprehensive recovery for all and building better and more resilient public health systems.

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