



2023 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Newborn mortality rate:

15 per 1,000 live births up from 14 per 1,000 livebirths in 2017

NDHS 2022

Under 5 mortality rate:

Declined from 27 to **26 deaths per 1,000** live births between 2017 & 2022

NDHS 2022

637,000 children who have never been immunized

WHO-UNICEF Estimate of National Immunization Coverage 2023

Stunting at **26.7%** in 2021, a 2.8 percentage-point decline from 2018-19; top 3 in the region

ENNS

Rapid increase in overweight and obesity

Children aged 5-10 years: From 9.8% in 2019 to **14.1%** in 2021

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Adolescents aged >10-19 years: From **9.1%** in 2019 to 13% in 2021

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SITUATION IN BARMM:

18.1% fully vaccinated children aged 12-23 months

NDHS 2022

Stunting at 39.1% in 2019

UNICEF-WB

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LEARNING

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High net enrolment in primary school age children

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23% of children aged 2-5 years are developmentally off track
NDHS 2022

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SITUATION IN BARMM

90% of 3-to-4-year-olds not in Early Childhood Education (ECE)



83% of children in the primary level are not learning mathematics, and **90%** unable to read at the expected level
SEA-PLM 2019

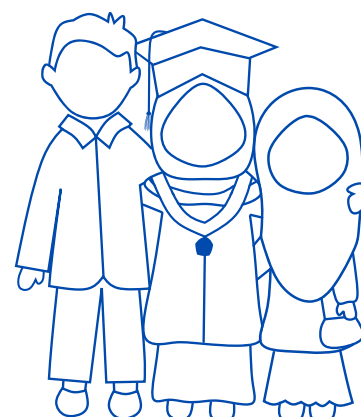
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35% of 5-year-olds not in Kindergarten

9.3% of 6-11-year-olds are not in school

16.3% public expenditure for education as per global standards

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EQUITABLE LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

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Poverty incidence declined from 23.5% in 2015 to **18.1%** in 2021; **26.4%** among children

PSA

Philippines poverty headcount ratio is one of the highest in the region, almost double those of Indonesia and Malaysia.

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44.2% child poverty highest in the Philippines (along with Caraga Region with 44.1%)

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PROTECTION

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8 out of 10 children

experienced Violence Against Children (VAC) in all settings

NBSVAC 2016



SITUATION IN BARMM

83% of country's grave child rights violations in Mindanao, including BARMM.

Children and armed conflict in the Philippines 2022, 6th Report of the UN Secretary General

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2 of 10 Filipino internet-using children aged 12-17 years were subjected to Online sexual abuse and exploitation of children (OSAEC).

Global sources of OSAEC content

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73,000 women aged 20-24 years married or in union before age 15; **460,000** before age 18

NDHS 2022 & CPH 2020



SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

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The Philippines ranks **first** in the region in climate risk index; **10th** globally

UNICEF

Highest level of youth "eco-anxiety" in the world

Nature

Improved early warning systems and local disaster risk management plans have been implemented.

97% of people have access to at least basic drinking water service & **82.5%** to at least basic sanitation services.

NDHS 2022

Only **47.9%** of households have access to safely managed drinking water service & **62.7%** to safely managed sanitation service.

JMP 2022, WHO-UNICEF

Reduction of open defecation, from 4.5% in 2017 to **3%** in 2022 (NDHS) and solid results on national hygiene campaign

SITUATION IN BARMM

80.2% of population have access to at least basic water service; **17.8%** prevalence of open defecation

NDHS 2022

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