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FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES OF UHC HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER IN ALL AREAS, DIRECTORS OF CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD); MINISTER OF HEALTH-BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM); MEDICAL CENTER CHIEFS OF DOH HOSPITALS; DOH-DESIGNATED PRIMARY HIV CARE FACILITIES AND TREATMENT HUBS; AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Programmatic Targets (2024-2026)

The Philippines remains committed to achieving the global Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) /Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (UNAIDS) Fast Track Targets of 95-95-95, such that 95% of the People Living with HIV (PLHIV) will know their status, 95% of the people who know their HIV status will receive antiretroviral therapy (ART), and 95% of the people receiving ART will have viral suppression, ending AIDS-related deaths by 2030.

The Disease Prevention and Control Bureau (DPCB), through the National HIV, AIDS, and STI Prevention and Control Program, released Department Memorandum 2021-0017: Interim Guidelines on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the Philippines. The interim guidelines provide details on the delivery of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) services for people at substantial risk of HIV infection. As of October 2024, 50,579 clients were enrolled in PrEP. 61% of these are coming from the National Capital Region (NCR).

These evidence-based standards of care are also espoused by the latest version of the Omnibus Health Guidelines (OHG) for Children, Adolescents, Adults, and Elderly, which are accessible at <https://doh.gov.ph/dpcb/omnibus-health-guidelines>.

To ensure the achievement of PrEP scale-up across all regions of the country, the following are the national target based on computations and estimates from the Epidemiology Bureau - National HIV Surveillance Service (EB-NHSS) and NASPCP (Table 1)

Table 1. National PrEP Target per Region (2024-2026)

Region of Residence	2024	2025	2026
*PHILIPPINES	34,200	96,600	153,200
NCR	8,100	37,500	59,500
4A	6,900	16,400	26,000
3	3,900	9,900	15,700
7	4,300	4,600	7,200
11	2,400	4,600	7,200
6	1,900	4,300	6,800
10	1,200	3,200	5,000
12	1,000	2,900	4,600
9	600	2,700	4,300
5	600	1,800	2,800
8	400	1,700	2,600
1	900	1,600	2,500
4B	500	1,400	2,200
CARGA	500	1,400	2,200
2	600	1,100	1,800
CAR	400	1,000	1,600
BARMM	100	700	1,200

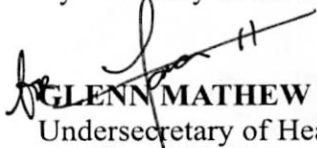
**Targets were rounded off to the nearest hundreds. The sum of regional targets may not correspond with the national PrEP target due to rounding of figures.*

In view of the above, all DOH Centers for Health Development, Department of Health (DOH)-designated HIV Treatment Hubs and Primary HIV Care Facilities are hereby requested to adhere to these targets and fully communicate with all concerned patients, including extensive messaging on combination HIV prevention.

The DOH, through the DPCB, shall ensure that the respective DOH-CHDs shall receive an adequate and timely supply of PrEP. Similarly, to guarantee continued supply, strict inventory monitoring will be enabled. This shall be facilitated through inventory reports generated from the One HIV, AIDS, and STI Information System (OHASIS), which will be triangulated to the manual submission of the Monthly Inventory Report (MIR) to the CHDs.

For strict compliance and wide dissemination to all concerned.

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