

#ModernaVax2PH Campaign Toolkit

A campaign toolkit graphic with a background of Earth from space. At the top left, the hashtag #MODERNAVAX2PH is displayed in large blue letters. To its right is a blue shield icon containing a white heartbeat line. Below the hashtag, the text 'Please join FYLPRO in asking for at least 3 million purchased vaccines to be expedited to the Philippines' is written in blue. An illustration of a blue and white syringe is positioned to the left of a text box that reads: '20 million Moderna vaccine doses have been ordered and paid for by the Philippines. We are asking for distribution to be May vs. the current proposed timeline of June-July.' At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'WAYS TO TAKE ACTION' followed by 'Write a letter to your local representative and senator. Post, reshare, tag! Inform your friends, family, coworkers.' The FYLPRO logo, featuring a yellow sun and blue stars, is located in the bottom left and right corners of the banner.

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Hashtags:

#ModernaVax2PH
#AccelerateAccess
#ShotsSoonerSavesLives
#PhilippinesStrong

The following toolkit serves as a reference for the **#ModernaVax2PH**. Of the 20 million Moderna vaccine doses that have been ordered and paid for by the Philippines, FYLPRO is **asking for at least 3 million to be expedited from the proposed timeline of June-July to May**. We appeal for humanitarian assistance for the longest COVID-19 emergency and enhanced lockdown that is now occurring in the Philippines.

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To Participate:

1. **Date to post: April 22, 2021**
2. **Send a Letter** We urge you to email **five** separate appeal letters (drafts for individuals and organizations below) to the following US elected officials asking them to urge President Biden to approve the immediate release of at least 3 million US Moderna vaccines, that have already been purchased, for the Filipino people:

1. President Biden

- [individual](#) or [organizational](#)

The White House

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

2. Acting Administrator Gloria Steele

- [individual](#) or [organizational](#)

US Agency for International Development

<https://www.usaid.gov/contact-us>

3. Secretary Antony Blinken

- [individual](#) or [organizational](#)

US State Department

<https://register.state.gov/contactus/contactusform>

Attn: John C. Law, Charges d'affairs via ACSInfoManila@state.gov

4. BOTH U.S. Senators representing your state

- [individual](#) or [organizational](#)

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

5. Your House Representative

- [individual](#) or [organizational](#)

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Please also copy president@fylpro.org on your organization's appeal.

3. **Post** to your social media

- a. use hashtags - **#ModernaVax2PH #3MillionToStart**

#AccelerateAccess #ShotsSoonerSavesLive #PhilippinesStrong

- b. **Tag @FYLPRO**
 - c. [Sample messaging](#) and [Sample tweets](#)
 - d. Add an [Image](#)
 - i. [Facebook/ Instagram post](#), [Instagram story](#), [Facebook cover](#), [Twitter post](#)
4. **Inform** you family, friends, coworkers, fellow community advocates, etc!
 - a. [Facts and information](#)
5. **Let us know** if you sent letters or you want to sign-on to the FYLPRO letter via this [form](#)

Why are we asking you to do this?

There are close to 5 million Filipino Americans with close ties to their relatives in the Philippines; and also 300,000 American citizens residing in the country. Hospitals are full and there is a dire need for therapeutics, ventilators, preventive education, PPEs, disinfection protocols, and vaccines.

On behalf of 4,000 supporters of FYLPRO, a national Filipino American organization, we appeal to you to authorize the early humanitarian release of 20 million Moderna vaccine doses that the Philippines has paid for.

Please consider an initial export release of three million vaccine doses this May - rather than in June or July. Your early decision will save thousands of lives in the Philippines. There are more than 10,000 daily new cases of Filipinos infected with COVID-19. More than 15,000 have died from the pandemic - more than double the fatalities of super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, the most powerful ever recorded.

Philippine hospital beds are full. The healthcare system is in crisis with dire need for medicines, ventilators, preventive supplies, PPEs, and vaccines, according to PH Ambassador Jose Romualdez. Thousands of Filipino frontliners have fallen victim. With the longest COVID-19 emergency lockdown in the world, five million Filipinos have been laid off.

More than four million Filiipino Americans will deeply appreciate your timely assistance.

Facts and Information

Covid-19

[10,000 to 15,000 new reported covid cases daily in PH](#)

[Over 15,000 deaths related to COVID-19 \(Typhoon Haiyan had 8,000 killed and 8,000 missing\) * 2nd highest death rate in Southeastern Asian countries](#)

[4.5 million Filipinos unemployed due to the pandemic economic contraction](#)

[Philippines' COVID-19 active cases hit record-high 193,476 \(Apr. 16\)](#)

Vaccines Needed

[Moderna Announces New Supply Agreement with the Philippines for 7 Million Additional Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna | Moderna, Inc.](#)

[Lorenzana asks US counterpart to expedite release of 20M doses of Moderna vaccines to PH](#)

Country comparison

[Mexico will receive 2.7 Million donated unused US vaccines \(127 M Mexico population\)](#)

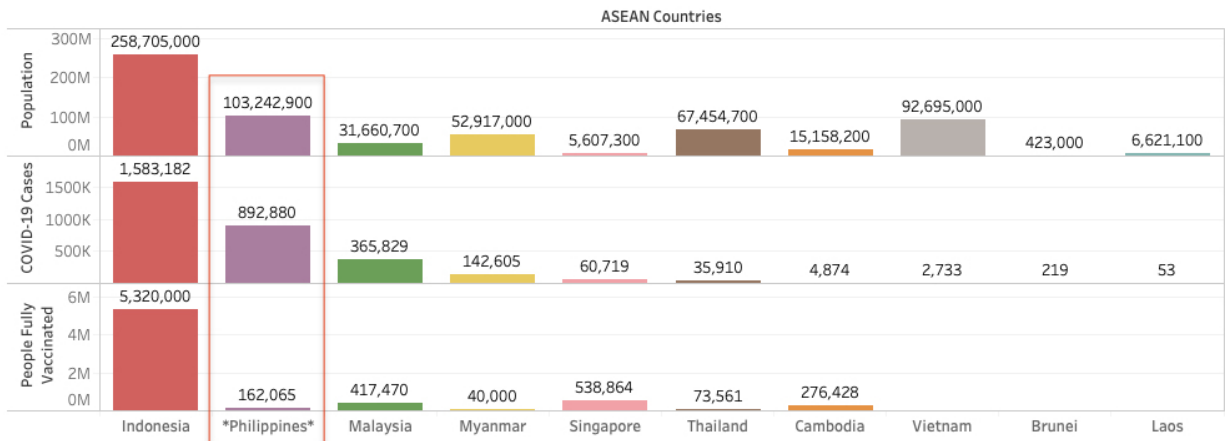
[Canada will get 1.5 Million vaccine doses on a "loan" basis](#)

[Philippines is LAST among the ASEAN nations in obtaining contracts and commitments from top US/EU vaccine makers](#)

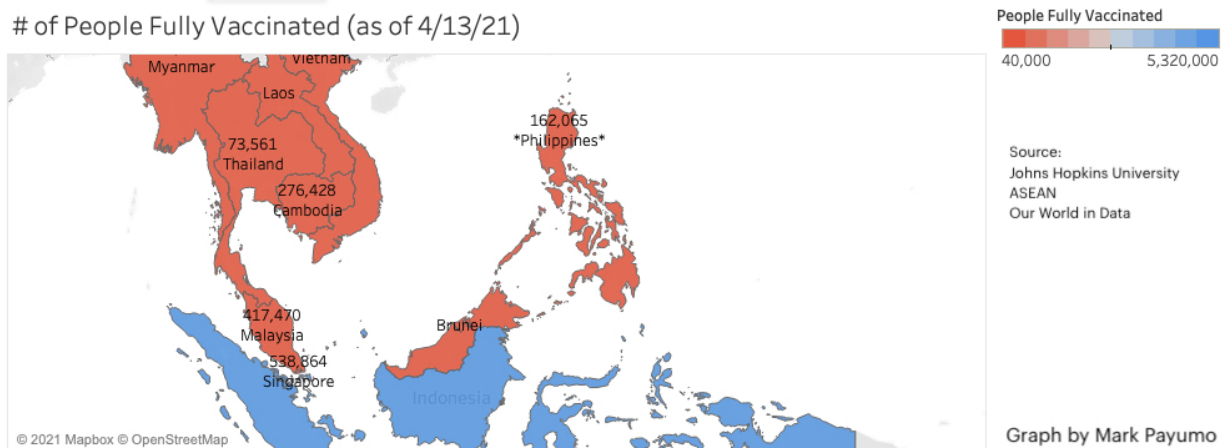
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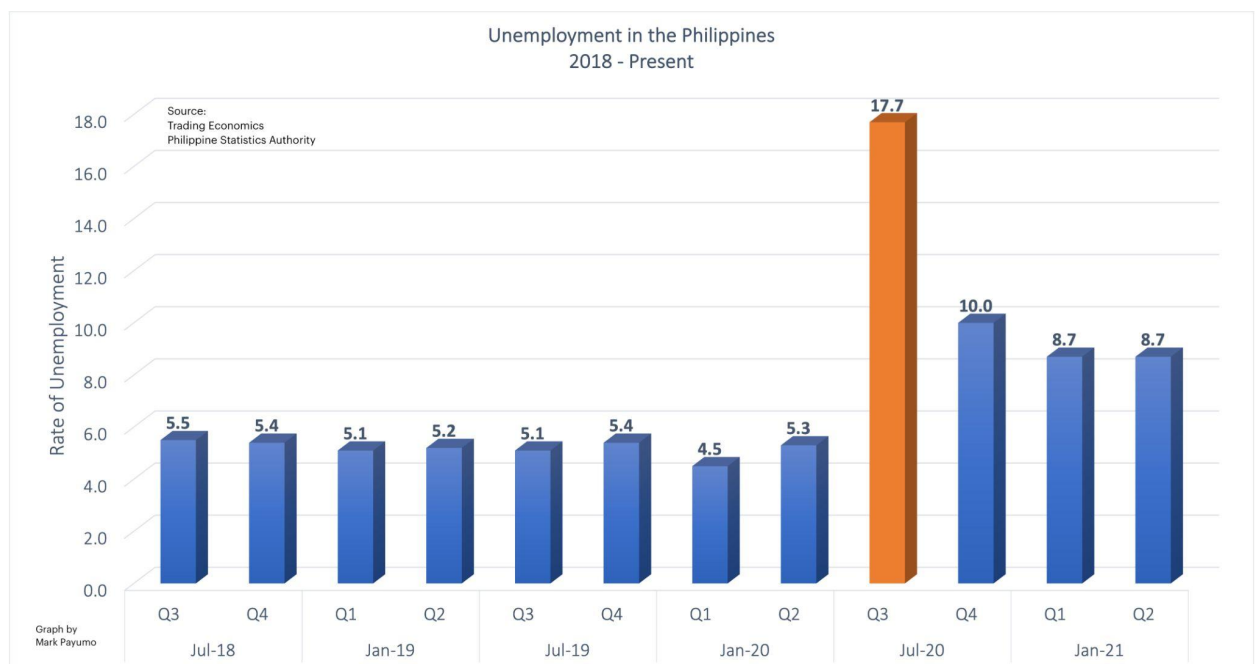
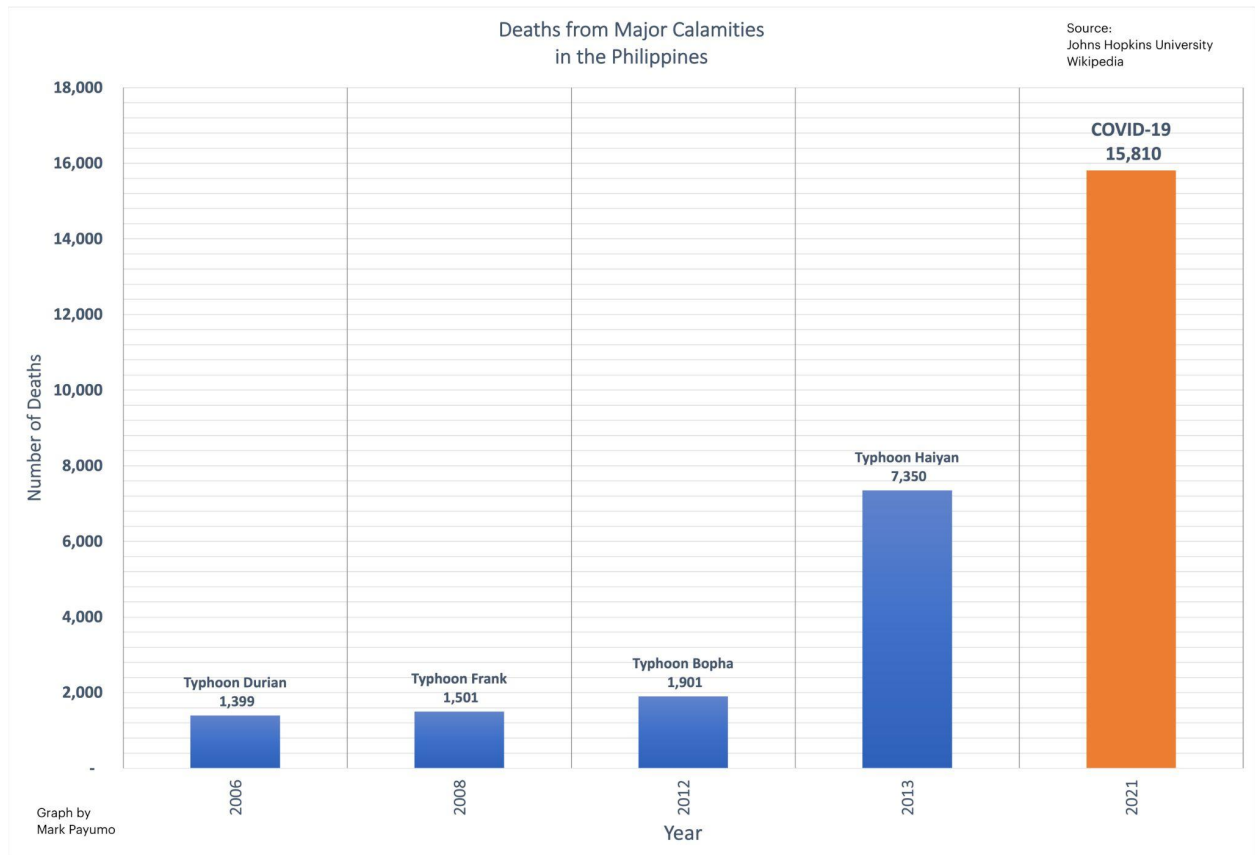
- 4.5 million estimated pinoys in the US
- [Filipinos make up 4% of nurses in the US, but 31.5% of nurse deaths from COVID-19](#)
- [America's Filipino nurses remain resilient pillars at home and abroad despite pandemic](#)
- 300,000 estimated US citizens estimated living in the Philippines
- National security partnership: Mutual Defense Treaty, EDCA, VFA against Chinese government aggression in the West PH Sea.

ASEAN Population, COVID-19 Cases, & Fully Vaccinated (as of 4/15/21)



of People Fully Vaccinated (as of 4/13/21)





Sample Messaging

- Support your fellow Filipino Americans in writing a letter to five elected officials to bump up the proposed timeline for vaccines for the Philippines. 20 million Moderna vaccine doses that have been ordered and paid for by the Philippine government. We are asking for a distribution of at least 3 million doses to be accelerated in their delivery from June-July to May. #ModernaVax2PH <https://bitly.com/ModernaVax2PH>
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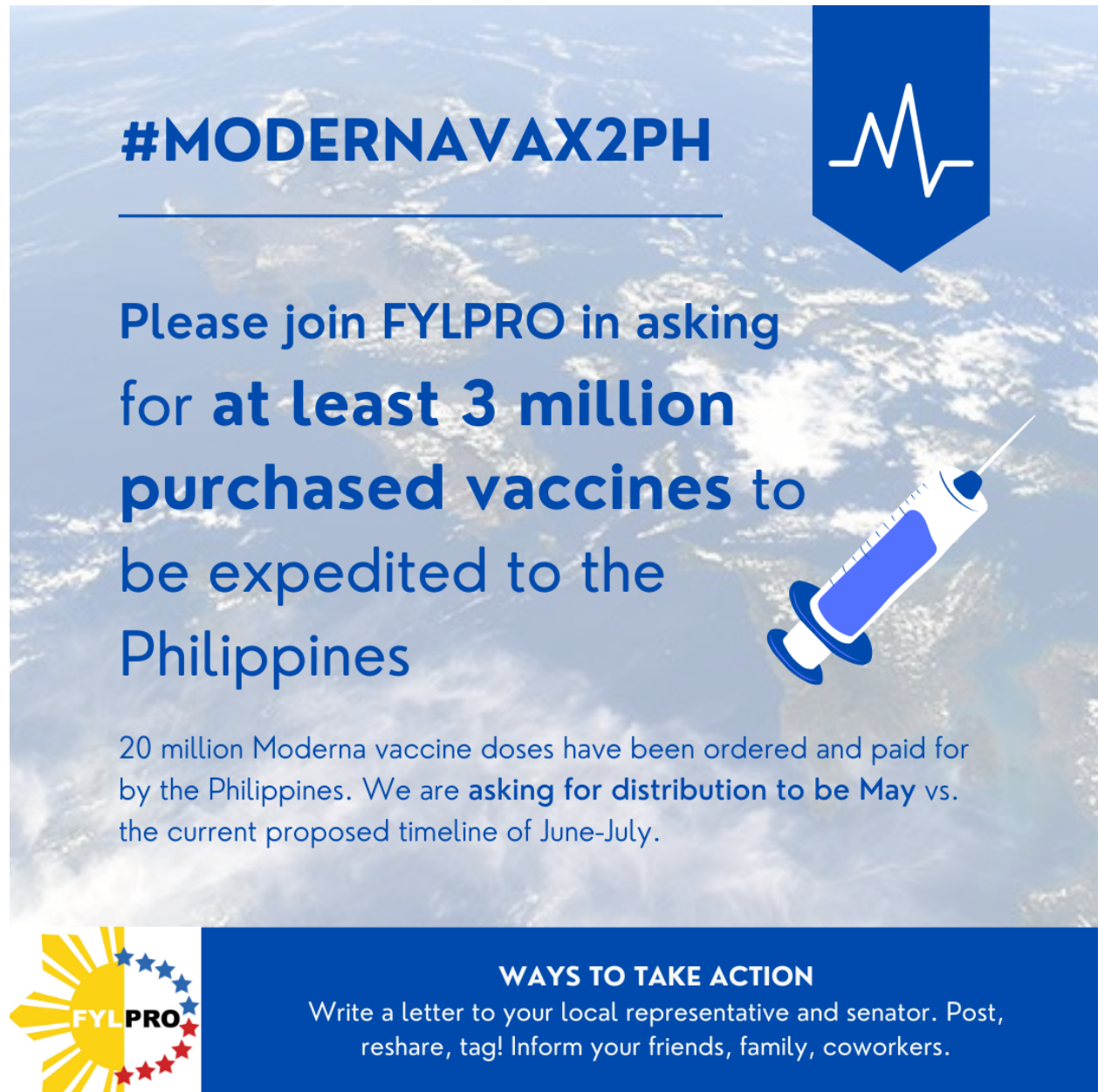
Sample Tweets (280 character limit)

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Graphics

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The Facebook cover features a background image of Earth from space. In the top right corner, there is a blue shield icon with a white heartbeat line. The main text is in blue, with the hashtag #MODERNAVAX2PH at the top. Below it, a horizontal line separates the title from the main message. The message asks to join FYLPRO in asking for at least 3 million purchased vaccines to be expedited to the Philippines. To the left of the text, there is an illustration of a syringe. Below the main message, there is a section titled 'WAYS TO TAKE ACTION' with instructions to write a letter to local representatives and senators, and to post, reshare, and tag friends, family, and coworkers. The bottom of the cover features a dark blue bar with the FYLPRO logo on both sides, which consists of a yellow sun-like shape with blue stars and the text 'FYLPRO' in the center.

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Send a Letter

Individual: President Biden DRAFT

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Sincerely,

Individual: Blinken DRAFT

Dear Secretary Blinken,

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Individual: Steele DRAFT

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We applaud your admin's swift, decisive, and evidence-based pandemic response efforts since taking office. It is our sincere and concerned entreaty that the White House, in concert with relevant officials such as Secretary of State Antony Blinken and USAID Acting Administrator Gloria Steele, apply its lawful authority in making the eminently reasonable decision to dispatch the 3M Moderna doses being requested. The FilAm community is also writing both the majority and minority leaders on Capitol Hill for a non-partisan appeal to the US Senate and House of Rep. Here is an opportunity to spare a significant no. of human lives, and we implore your admin to take urgent action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Organizational: Steele DRAFT

Dear Acting Administrator Steele,

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To this last item in particular, the Filipino American community appeals for humanitarian assistance in equipping public health officials in the Philippines with an essential tool for controlling the devastation wrought by the novel coronavirus. Like many countries, the Philippines has arranged for its people to secure access to various COVID-19 vaccines being manufactured by companies across the globe, including an order of 20 million doses from Moderna, Inc. that has already been paid for in full by the Philippines. While the initial expectation was for these vaccines to be delivered in July, the current coronavirus emergency highlights the importance of accelerating access to the doses as soon as possible. A reasonable proposal that has emerged calls for the immediate release of a small fraction of the Moderna purchase, namely 3 million doses. However, it has come to our attention that despite the sales transaction having been completed, the National Defense Production Act currently prevents U.S. companies from exporting any product until domestic requirements have been met, which according to the administration's projections would be around mid-May to June.

In light of these extraordinary circumstances, we urge you to consider using your resources to expedite the release of this initial batch of fully paid vaccines to save a significant number of lives in the Philippines upfront. So many personal tragedies can be averted if we act sooner rather than later. The numbers are staggering: as of April 16, the number of active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines hit an all-time record of 193,476, and in terms of both overall reported cases (926,052) and deaths (15,810) ranks, the country ranks second in all of Southeast Asia.

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