CO-SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

ON THE PROPOSED 2022 NATIONAL BUDGETS FOR HEALTH & EDUCATION



- Senior Vice Chairperson, Senate Finance Committee



We live in a VUCA WORLD

VOLATILE, UNCERTAIN, COMPLEX, AMBIGUOUS

The 2022 NEP budget increased by P500 Billion from the 2021 budget.

Clearly there has been an increase in the budgets of both the health and education sectors. But that increase is minimal...

For health: P30 Billion

2022: P242 Billion

2021: P212 Billion

For education: P19.2 Billion

(including TESDA) 2022: P713 Billion

2021: P694 Billion

WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS...

DOH budget for the last 10 years:

YEAR	TOTAL DOH BUDGET	INCREASE	% INCREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR'S BUDGET	TOTAL DOH BUDGET (% OF GDP)	DIFFERENCE TOTAL DOH BUDGET MINUS 5% GDP
2022	P242B	P30B	14.15%	1.29%	P693.06B
2021	P212B	P36B	20.45%	1.21%	P661.72B
2020	P176B	P7B	4.14%	0.92%	P778.05B
2019	P169B	(-P2B)	(-1.17%)	0.93%	P741.36B
2018	P171B	P20B	13.25%	1.04%	P648.86B
2017	P151B	P25B	19.84%	0.96%	P638.49B
2016	P126B	P36B	40%	0.88%	P593.18B
2015	P90B	P4B	4.65%	0.68%	P575.66B
2014	P86B	P31B	56.36%	0.68%	P544.55B
2013	P55B	P11B	25%	0.51%	P482.34B
2012	P44B	-	-	0.43%	P471.09B



Our Sub-committee submitted additional budget of P107.32 Billion for HEALTH, but only P44.96 Billion was included in the final Committee Report.



Our Sub-committee submitted additional budget of P36.6 Billion for EDUCATION, but only P10.8 Billion, including TESDA, was carried in the final Committee Report.

The target gov't spending on health should be at least 5% of our GDP.

Our projected GDP for 2021: P18.70 Trillion 5% of this is P935.06 Billion

But under the 2022 NEP...

Only P242 Billion was allotted for health.

This is only 1.29% of the 2021 GDP (P935.06 Billion)





We need to strengthen our healthcare system.

Our Proposed Key Amendments to the HEALTH BUDGET:

1. Support for frontline workers:



- P51.99 Billion for COVID-19 Benefit & Compensation, for both health & non-healthcare workers (new line item)
- Additional **P3.26 Billion** for Human Resources for Health (HRH) Deployment, to attain the 17 HRH per 10,000 population target.

2. Vital COVID response:

- Realignment of **P4.23 Billion** for COVID-19 vaccines, from other DOH programs, activities, & projects that were not possible to implement during the pandemic
- P11.76 Billion for additional COVID-19 testing commodities to cover the deficiency for 9.28 months
- Additional P2.48 Billion for 4,800 COVID vaccinators to be deployed in various sites
- Additional P1.99 Billion for Epidemiology & Surveillance (for hiring Disease Surveillance Officers; expanding surveillance activities related to vaccinepreventable diseases; etc.)
- Additional P43.9 Million for operations & human resources of the One Hospital Command Center (OHCC)
- Additional P3.7 Billion operational budget for DOH hospitals in Metro Manila, and P10.7 Billion for DOH regional hospitals and healthcare facilities
- Additional budget (P496.26 Million MOOE & P181.13 Million CO) for RITM's SARS-COV2 Whole Genome Sequencing, to help detect emerging viruses

3. Response to other diseases and future-proofing our healthcare system:



- Additional P31.9 Million for Emergency Health and Preparedness
- Additional P896 Million to construct warehouse hubs for the efficient distribution of medicines and other commodities
- P929 Million for the Cancer Assistance Fund, to cover the cost of cancer treatment & care-related components (new line item)
- P8 Million for the continuous operation of the DOH Futures
 Thinking Office
- Additional P19 Million for the Health Technology
 Assessment (HTA), to support evidence-based policy & decision-making for our health resource allocation
- Additional P50 Million for Health Promotion for Centers for Health Development (CHDs), which implements DOH programs, activities, & projects at the local level



"We need to invest more in learners, learners, learners!"

- The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)

Our Proposed Key Amendments to the EARLY & BASIC EDUCATION BUDGET:

- Additional **P2.6 Billion** to cover increased expenses of Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High schools, in anticipation of the expanded implementation of face-to-face classes
- Additional P100 Million for Basic Education Facilities, for more handwashing facilities in priority schools
- Additional P522.4 Million for Disaster Preparedness and Response Program
- Additional P500 Million for the creation of an estimated additional 28 Last Mile Schools in 5th and 6th class LGUs
- Additional P3 Billion for the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP), estimated to assist an additional 1 Million learners
- Additional budget for the Senior High School Voucher Program and the Education Service Contracting Program for Private Junior High Schools
- Additional P173 Million for the Special Education Program, to support schools with learners with disabilities & create more Inclusive Learning Resource Centers
- P232 Million for the establishment of National Child Development Centers

Our Proposed Key Amendments to the HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET:

1. Effective learning environments:



- Additional P1 Billion for the implementation of face-to-face classes, appropriated per SUC based on enrollment & number of campus/es
- P1.958 Billion Financial Assistance for the Smart Campus Development Programs of 89 SUCs whose programs were vetted by CHED
- P500 Million Financial Assistance under CHED for the Smart Campus Development Programs of other SUCs still developing their programs

2. Students' scholarships:



- Additional P5.95 Billion for Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (UAQTE)
- Additional P473 Million under provision of assistance & incentives, scholarship & grants through STUFAPs, to support all ongoing & 4,000 new scholars
- Additional P1.387 Billion in subsidies for students' internet or load allowance
- Funding support for the implementation of **Doktor Para Sa Bayan Act:**
 - Additional P250 Million for Medical Scholarship and Return Service (MSRS) to support 920 more qualified aspiring doctors (different from the tuition subsidy for med students in the original 8 medical SUCs, which has a funding of P167 Million under NEP)
 - P150 Million Seed Fund for the development of Medical Schools in SUCs (reintroduced by the Sub-Committee under CHED's budget)
 - P1.45 Billion to increase the carrying capacity of the Colleges of Medicine of 11 SUCs, and to support the operations of 5 SUCs with pending applications for medical programs

Our Proposed Key Amendments to the HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET:

3. Improving Tertiary Education:



- P100 Million for the Institutionalization of Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) in Higher Education
- P14.2 Million for Building Internationalization Competitiveness Program for Philippine Higher Education
- P2 Million each for the 3 Normal Universities to develop programs for the improvement of the quality of English proficiency in the tertiary level
- 4. Futures Thinking in Higher Education:



- P261 Million funding:
 - P45 Million to support new & continuing research of 9 SUCs who already have developed Futures
 Thinking research programs
 - P216 Million to fund futures thinking & strategic foresight training in the remaining 108 SUCs
- 5. In aid of SUCs:



- P805 Million for additional Capital Outlay for SUCs without CO in the NEP (based on SUCs' submissions)
- P1.2 Billion for the re-inclusion of 4 BARMM SUCs in the 2022 budget

Our Proposed Key Amendments to the HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET:

6. For UP System:



- Additional **P3.29 Billion** funding:
 - P90 Million for the Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of Fire Protection System of the Central Block Building of UP-PGH
 - P300 Million for UP-PGH's highly specialized medical equipment, for the conduct of coronary angiogram & various equipment for its Central ICU
 - P130 Million additional MOOE for UP-PGH to restore its 2021 budget, to pay for additional expenses in Drugs and Medicines, Medical, Dental and Laboratory Supplies, and Chemicals and Reagents
 - P157 Million for the establishment & operation of the UP College of Medicine Simulation Center, for the training & education of med students
 - P165.9 Million to increase the carrying capacity of UP's College of Medicine and School of Health Sciences
 - Additional P60 Million for Phase 2 of the Philippine Genomic Information and Resource Hub

Our Proposed Key Amendments to the BUDGET OF THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES (DAP):



- Additional **P86.5 Million** funding:
 - P10 Million for Foresight & Anticipatory Governance
 - P20 Million for Support for academic programs of the Graduate School of Public and Development Management
 - P18 Million for Smart and Creative Communities Program
 - Additional P15 Million for SDGs and Futures Thinking research
 - P14 Million for Center of Excellence for Data Science and Analytics
 - Additional P3 Million for DAP Idea Generation Hub
 - P6.5 Million for Improvement of DAP Conference Center Training Facilities

Our Proposed Key Amendments to the BUDGETS OF CULTURAL AGENCIES:

- Additional P67.35 Million for National Commission for Culture and The Arts Proper
- Additional P29.28 Million for National Historical Commission of the Philippines
- Additional P32.602 Million for National Library of the Philippines
- Additional P105 Million for National Archives of the Philippines
- Additional P8.8 Million for Commission on the Filipino Language
- Additional P304.5 Million for Cultural Center of the Philippines





This Sub-Committee Report was crafted using the SDGs as the main blueprint and guide to help attain the different goals for a more sustainable and prosperous future.



"National authorities need to act to mitigate long-term consequences for children, despite constraints on public spending, with education interventions forming part of national COVID-19 stimulus packages alongside health, social protection and economic recovery initiatives."

Source: United Nations' 2020 Policy Brief on Education during COVID-19 and Beyond

