

ROLE OF PUBLIC SERVANT DURING COVID-19

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Public servant took the biggest role of ensuring effective response to Covid-19 pandemic. They have been tasked to: 1) Policy and Strategic Planning 2) Provision of services 3) Development of infrastructure 4) Mobilization and utilization of resources 5) Monitoring and evaluation and 6) Institutional and human resource capacity development.

Public servant risks their lives to ensure the continuousness of public services. They show their courageous response by quickly adapting and re-adjusting the way in which services are delivered to minimize the negative impact of Covid-19 to individuals and communities. Unfortunately, many of them or their family members had been knocked down by this virus. Nevertheless, they gave their full strength to serve and protect our nation.

Thorough study and analysis were done to properly deal with the pandemic. National taskforces have been formed to further plan the strategies to implement in order to overcome the pandemics, save lives, ensure social protection and sustain the economy. Part of the implemented plan was rapid establishment of national and local response to give strategic, technical and operational support. They strengthened readiness to immediately identify, diagnose, and treat cases. The public servant enforces community quarantine to lock down potential carriers. Additionally, they also enhanced monitoring and response interventions to have fast identification of the suspect, probable and confirmed cases.

Moreover, Covid-19 did not only take effect upon our community, it is also made a biggest impact regarding to our government funds. Public servants have to review the

possible sources of fund that may be used for the procurement of vaccines and other medicinal supplies needed to fight against Covid-19. The national budget was realigned to give way for the acquisition of these necessities.

In conclusion, this is not the first time we had encountered a pandemic. Therefore, it is the duty of a public servant to extend their knowledge to further study the possible action or actions to be made for future crisis.

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