



Standard Chartered Bank donates anew to hospitals

The fight against COVID-19 is far from over as the country's cases are projected to surge more than 80,000 by end of July. Collective support and action from public and private sectors are critical to help meet urgent health care needs and social protection in the face of increased demands and limited government resources.

Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), the oldest international bank in the country, continues to donate personal protective equipment (PPE) sets to hospitals and city health offices in Luzon and Cebu City. Recently, the bank, in partnership with NGO Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), distributed to hospitals in Manila, Mandaluyong, Paranaque, Quezon City, Makati, Antipolo and Batangas.

SCB Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand and Marketing Mai Sangalang led the delivery of distribution at San Juan Medical Center (SJMC) and the San Martin De Porres Charity Hospital (SMPCH) last Wednesday and the PPE donations were received by SJMC Medical Director Dr. Joseph M. Acosta and SMPCH Assistant Medical Director Dr. Araceli Luna.

"We strongly believe that helping the government's capacity to respond to COVID-19 will save more lives and will reinforce the country's public health response," said Sangalang.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SCB launched a USD50M global fund aid to support immediate relief efforts and long-term economic recovery of impacted communities across the bank's network. Part of the funds were allocated to the NGO partners of the bank's local markets. The bank supports the relief efforts in the country by donating food packs to 10,000 families in vulnerable communities, more than

11,000 reusable protective personal equipment to 40 hospitals and treatment centers and financial assistance to the bank's agency workers who were displaced from work.

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