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The Continuum of COVID-19 Pandemic in the Philippines

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Disaster Risk Reduction Specialists have always prepared for All Hazards including Emerging Infectious Diseases. In 2007, the World Health Organization stated that infectious diseases are emerging at a rate that has not been seen before, e.g. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) caused by corona virus SARS-CoV was identified in China in 2002, H1N1 Flu virus was detected in the U.S. in 2009, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) emerged in the Arabian Peninsula caused by corona virus MERS-CoV in 2012 and on January 7, 2020 Chinese researchers mapped the full virus sequence of N-CoV- 2 that causes COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic shocked the world as millions of people rapidly got infected with deaths by the thousands globally. This article intends to tract the spread of COVID-19 from Ground Zero in China to other countries with focus in the Philippines. This article will explore the Continuum of COVID-19 Pandemic Phases (Interpandemic, Alert, Pandemic, Transition) and how the Philippine with its Inter-Agency Task Force, Department of Health, Healthcare System and Non-Governmental Organizations prepared and responded to contain the spread of N-CoV-2 and cared for COVID-19 patients.



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