



PS-DBM'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE PROCUREMENT OF PPE SETS FOR THE DOH

The Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management (PS-DBM) would like to reiterate that the government has generated about Eight Hundred Million Pesos (PHP 800,000,000) in savings¹ for the Department of Health's (DOH) procurement of 8-piece personal protective equipment (*consisting of—medical grade cover-all, gloves, head cover, shoe cover, goggles, N95 face mask, surgical mask, and surgical gown*) from March 29 to June 24, 2020.

PS-DBM also drastically reduced the acquisition cost of such PPEs as evidenced by DOH procurement records.

Per DOH records, in 2015, the 8-piece PPE set was awarded at PHP 3,500 per set, 97% higher than the average price offer of China-based manufacturers which was at PHP 1,773.51.

In 2016, the awarded 8-piece PPE was priced at PHP 3,864 per set, 118% higher than the average price offer of China-based manufacturers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly induced fear, pressure, and anxiety. Despite this, we at PS-DBM vow to remain transparent and cooperative. Because we believe that as one government, it is through collaboration—not division—we can overcome this pandemic.

Together, we heal as one.

¹ The savings declared by PS-DBM is the variance between the allocated budget as identified by the DOH as the end-user for the item (*which in this case is PHP 2,000*) vis-a-vis the awarded contract amount.