



# Synthesis of the 3rd NCFP

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# Where are we now?

- Fertility trends show a decline in Total Fertility Rate.
- Modern contraceptive use among married women has increased.
- Progress has been made in improving maternal and child health, primary education enrollment, and gender equality.



# Where are we now?

- The Philippines is at a critical juncture in terms of capitalizing on its first demographic dividend.
- The Philippines is facing a severe educational crisis.



# Where are we now?

- Improved environment for data gathering – support for studies are increasing but some issues are more popular than others or get more support or funding.
- Availability of new researches in family planning, reproductive health and population and development.



# Where are we now?

- The importance of data and evidence is highlighted in the design of programs and projects presented.
- Local efforts such as mobile hospitals and data-driven approaches show promise in improving access and addressing emergencies, especially during disasters.



# Challenges

- Persistent disparities in access to health care and education, particularly in underserved areas, hinder equitable progress.
- Gender inequality continues to limit women's participation in the workforce and leadership roles.
- High youth unemployment and skills mismatches affect economic productivity.



# Challenges

- Uneven implementation and insufficient indicators challenge sustainable urban development and climate action.
- Rising adolescent pregnancy rates could undermine demographic dividend potential.
- The country lags in maximizing the demographic dividend due to gaps in education, employment, and research on population dynamics.



# Challenges

- Geographical barriers, especially for IPs and rural communities, impede access to health services.
- Gender biases and stigmas limit women's autonomy and male involvement in FP.
- Inadequate counseling, provider biases, and structural gaps in community-level mobilization.





# Excerpt from the Message of the President

*“Be assured that the administration fully supports the initiatives of the Department of Health, Commission on Population and Development, and all our partners in the government and private sector that tackle population challenges and reproductive health issues.”*

**- H.E. Ferdinand Marcos Jr.**



# Recommendations

## Needs Accelerated Actions

- Invest in human capital
- Empower women and youth
- Strengthen labor market systems
- Prioritize early childhood interventions
- Increase educational quality and access to health and development opportunities



# Recommendations

## Innovations

- Strengthen Data Collection
- Promote Population Development Research and Advocacy
- Scale-up programs respond to the specific needs of population groups and geography of the locality



# Recommendations

## Collaboration

- Prepare for the aging population
- Sustain strengthening of Health Systems
- Community and individual action
- Enhance policy implementation and data system



“...So many data and information shared in our small bubble of advocates. It is our duty to burst this bubble and share the data, information and experiences we learned.



It is time to advance family planning beyond health service delivery and show how it is linked and impacts or impacted by other issues such as climate change, education, poverty, child nutrition.

Family Planning and Population and Development: Innovate, Collaborate, and Accelerate Now!

