

PROBLEM		STATISTICS/DATA		SOLUTION	
1.	In dire need of hospital beds based on World Health Organization (WHO) standard especially in the rural areas and poor provinces where hospital with high level of healthcare services is not available.	1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO hospital beds per 10,000 is 30. The Philippines is 9.9. Second to the last among the 11 South East Asian Nations. Japan is #1 worldwide at 129.8 and South Korea #2 worldwide at 124.3. USA is at 28.7. • The Philippines is composed on 7,100 plus islands. The rural areas and poor provinces do not have easy access (car, boat, or airplane) to the metropolitan cities of Manila or Cebu for treatment. In addition, it will be added costs to the patient and their families. • Number of Level 3 Hospitals: 109 (56 located in National Capital Region); Region X - 2; Region IX - 1; Bangsamoro - 1. • Capacity rate: Region X capacity rate is 176%. MHARSG General Hospital in Misamis Occidental capacity rate is 387.21%. 	1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase hospital beds to meet WHO standards (3 beds per 1,000 people). • Strategically build more hospitals in the rural areas and poor provinces that can be readily accessible by the people. • Increase hospital beds to reduce overcrowding in some hospitals.
2.	High Household Out-of-Pocket (e.g., premium, deductible, co-pay, etc.) Healthcare Cost.	2.	World Bank compiled the Out-of-Pocket expenditure in 2018. We compared the percentages of some countries which ranges from 10.81% in the United States to 76.45% in Myanmar. Some Asian countries also have low percentages such as Thailand at 11.01% and Japan 12.75%. The Philippines out-of-pocket expenditure was 53.85%.	2.	Offer the following: 1 - Affordable healthcare insurance. 2 - Provide discounts. 3 - Offer No balance billing (PhilHealth). 4 - Avail of Free Clinics (medical missions). 5 - Offer cost assistance.
3.	Shortage of doctors, nurses, and other medical staff in the rural areas and poor provinces	3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Statista: As of April 2020, there were ten doctors per 10,000 population in the National Capital Region of the Philippines. In comparison, there were only 0.8 doctors per 10,000 inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). • Per Statista: As of April 2020, there were approximately 14.8 nurses per 10,000 population in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) of the Philippines. In comparison, there were only 3.8 nurses per 10,000 inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). 	3.	Create job opportunities and offer incentives to doctors, nurses, and other medical staff in the rural areas and poor provinces.

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Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, Statista, World Health Organization, etc.