

Philippines Financial Pulse: BSP Rate Hikes, Peso Fluctuations, and Market M

Philippines Finance · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What was the key policy rate increase implemented by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) in June 2026 to combat inflation?

- A) 25 basis points**
- B) 50 basis points
- C) 75 basis points
- D) 100 basis points

2. In the last 30 days of June 2026, how did the Philippine Peso generally perform against the US Dollar?

- A) It significantly strengthened.
- B) It remained stable.
- C) It weakened.**
- D) It fluctuated wildly with no clear trend.

3. Which sector led the gains in the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) on June 23, 2026?

- A) Mining and Oil
- B) Services**
- C) Financials
- D) Property

4. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) recently granted temporary regulatory relief to banks and quasi-banks. What was the primary reason cited for this relief?

- A) To encourage more lending to small businesses
- B) To cushion the impact of market volatility caused by the Middle East conflict**
- C) To reduce the cost of financial transactions
- D) To support the growth of the tourism sector

5. What was the annual inflation rate in the Philippines in May 2026, as reported in June 2026?

- A) 7.2%
- B) 6.8%**
- C) 4.1%
- D) 8.3%

6. On June 18, 2026, the Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) closed at approximately what level?

- A) 6,153.66
- B) 6,000.00
- C) 5,800.00
- D) 6,300.00

7. What is the primary objective of the BSP's monetary policy?

- A) To increase stock market performance
- B) To promote a low and stable inflation conducive to balanced and sustainable economic growth
- C) To strengthen the Philippine Peso against all major currencies
- D) To encourage foreign direct investment through lower interest rates

8. According to OCBC's revised forecast in June 2026, what is the projected GDP growth for the Philippines in 2026?

- A) 5.8%
- B) 3.8%
- C) 4.5%
- D) 5.5%