

Philippines Health Crisis Impact: Climate Disasters, Medical Costs, and Tourism

Philippines Global Health Economy · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which sector in the Philippines has seen a significant decline in international arrivals in early 2025, impacting its recovery from global health concerns?

- A) Pharmaceutical manufacturing
- B) Medical tourism
- C) Information Technology (IT) services
- D) Tourism and hospitality**

2. The Philippines is highly vulnerable to climate change, ranking first on the World Risk Index in 2024. What is a significant economic impact of this vulnerability on the country's agriculture sector?

- A) Increased crop yields due to favorable weather patterns
- B) Reduced agricultural losses and enhanced food security
- C) Up to 98% of agricultural losses from climate shocks, cutting food supplies**
- D) A surge in demand for agricultural exports

3. What is a primary factor contributing to the projected double-digit increase in medical costs in the Philippines for 2025?

- A) A decrease in healthcare utilization and claims
- B) Negotiations for increased professional fees between HMO associations and doctor groups**
- C) Reduced cost of new medical technologies
- D) A surplus of healthcare professionals leading to lower service fees

4. Which of the following is a significant challenge for the Philippine pharmaceutical market, impacting its ability to invest in research and development?

- A) Excessive government subsidies for research
- B) A surplus of locally manufactured active pharmaceutical ingredients
- C) Regulatory and financing barriers, and import dependency**
- D) Low prevalence of chronic diseases requiring medication

5. How is climate change directly impacting the health of Filipinos, leading to economic consequences?

- A) Improved water quality and reduced waterborne diseases
- B) Increased frequency of heat-related illnesses and vector-borne diseases like dengue**
- C) A decrease in the prevalence of respiratory diseases
- D) Enhanced food security due to consistent rainfall patterns

6. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided substantial financial support to the Philippines. In 2025, what was a major area of this funding, reflecting ongoing development priorities?

- A) Funding for space exploration initiatives
- B) Investment in luxury tourism resorts only
- C) Support for infrastructure projects like the Malolos-Clark Railway and disaster resilience programs**
- D) Direct cash handouts to all citizens

7. What is a key trend observed in the Philippine pharmaceutical market regarding drug adoption?

- A) A decline in the use of generic drugs
- B) A shift towards exclusively branded, high-cost medications
- C) An unprecedented surge in generic drug adoption, accounting for approximately 76% by volume**
- D) Complete reliance on imported generic drugs with no local production

8. In the context of global supply chain disruptions, what is a critical need identified for the Philippine healthcare sector?

- A) A reduction in hospital bed availability
- B) A decrease in the demand for medical technologies
- C) An urgent need for expanded facilities and increased hospital bed availability**
- D) Limited investment in logistics and supply chain infrastructure

9. Which factor is contributing to a projected shortfall in the Philippines' tourism recovery targets for 2024, despite overall global tourism recovery?

- A) An oversupply of hotel rooms
- B) A strong influx of tourists from mainland China
- C) Lower-than-expected tourist arrivals from China**
- D) Increased visa-free travel policies for all nationalities

10. How does climate change indirectly affect the Philippine economy by impacting labor productivity?

- A) Increased outdoor working hours due to milder temperatures
- B) Climate change-induced heat in the workplace is projected to cause a loss in working hours**
- C) A decrease in the need for outdoor labor
- D) Improved working conditions and reduced health risks for all workers