



SPECIAL RELEASE

2021 Women's Month DAVAO REGION

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This March, the nation celebrates the 2021 Women's Month with the theme "**Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya!**" The month-long celebration is spearheaded by the Philippine Commission on Women.

This year's theme highlights women's participation in battling the pandemic as well as discusses gender issues aggravated by the pandemic. Specifically, it aims to (1) delve deep into the gender issues that emerged or were more felt during the health crisis; (2) feature women who thrived despite the circumstances; and (3) share support systems and government programs that address women's issues and concerns especially amidst the country's continuous battle against the crisis (<https://www.pcw.gov.ph>).

To help planners and policymakers in Davao Region in crafting sound and effective plans and policies related to this health crisis, we are featuring statistics on women and men, particularly on health in this March issue of "Special Releases".

Women and men have almost equal number of COVID-19 cases!

As of 23 March 2021, the Department of Health (DOH) XI recorded 21,084 people that were infected with COVID-19 in Davao Region (Table 1). Of the total, 49.9 percent are women while 50.1 percent are men (Figure 1). Further, women and men posted almost equal number cases of the 2019 Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) since the start of the pandemic in the region.

Table 1. Number of COVID-19 Cases, Region XI
(as of March 23, 2021)

Category	Male	Female	Both Sexes
Active (admitted in medical facility / transferred to isolation facility)	354	431	785
Died	549	358	907
Recovered	9,663	9,729	19,392
Total	10,566	10,518	21,084

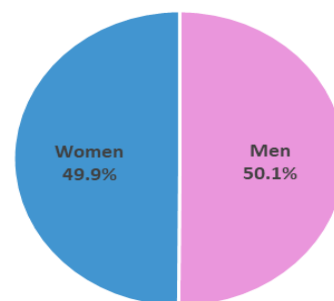
Source: Department of Health XI



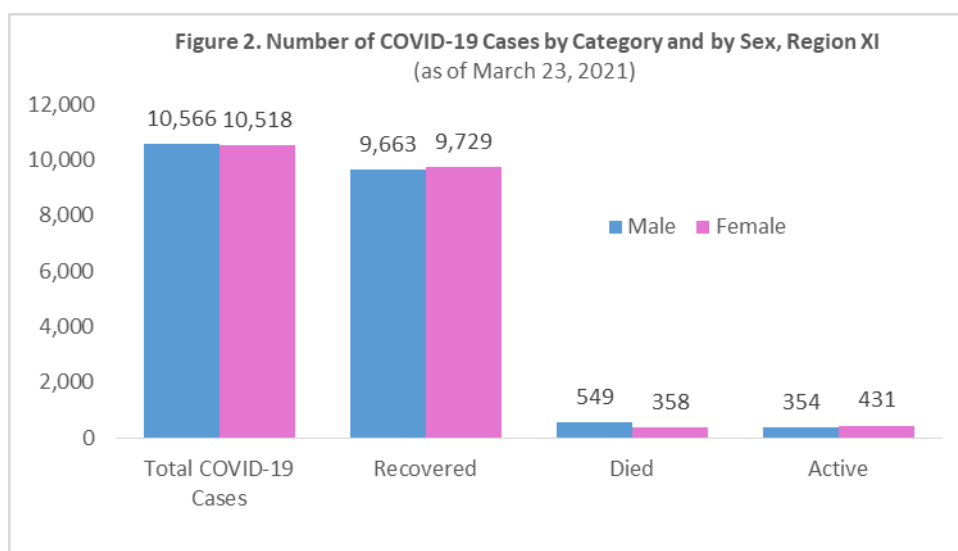
More men have died than women!

Out of the total cases in the region, 907 people or 4.3 percent had succumbed to the disease. Of this, 60.5 percent or 549 are men while 39.5 percent or 358 are women. On the other hand, 92.0 percent of the confirmed cases have already recovered from the disease, which were composed of 50.2 percent women and 49.8 percent men. Meanwhile, there were 785 remained active cases (354 men and 431 women) in the region (*Figure 2*).

Figure 1. COVID-19 Cases by Sex in percent, Region XI



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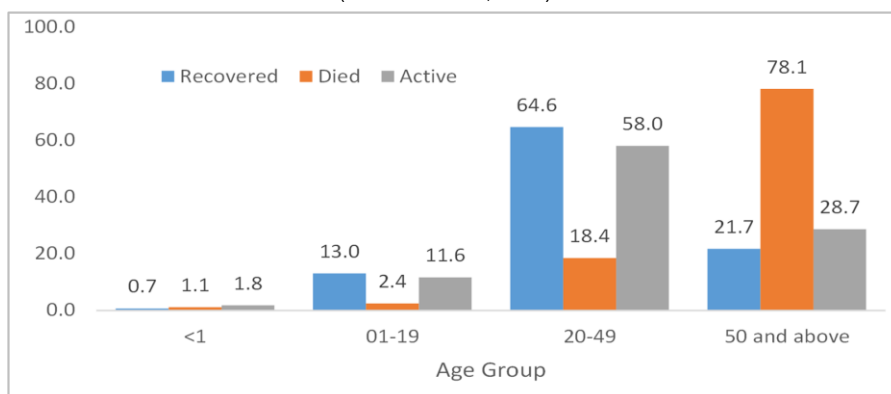
Highest cases in middle ages, more deaths in old age!

In terms of age, more cases were recorded at the 20-49 age group, 62.4 percent. However, the disease has claimed more lives in ages 50 years old and above with 78.1 percent or 708 out of the 907 deaths recorded in the region (*Table 2 and Figure 3*). Of the total deaths in this age group, 58.2 percent were male while 41.8 percent were women (*Figure 4*).

Table 2. Number of COVID-19 Cases by Category and Age Group, Region XI
(as of March 23, 2021)

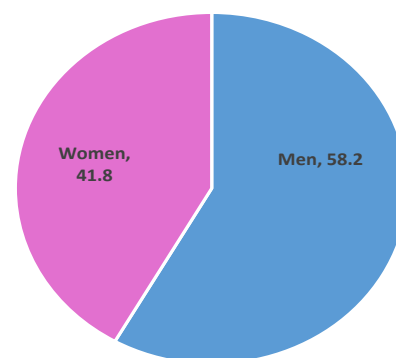
Age group	Recovered			Died			Active			Total		
	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes
<1	80	52	132	8	2	10	8	6	14	96	60	156
01-19	1,310	1,217	2,527	12	10	22	39	52	91	1,361	1,279	2,640
20-49	6,289	6,240	12,529	117	50	167	200	255	455	6,606	6,545	13,151
50 and above	1,984	2,220	4,204	412	296	708	107	118	225	2,503	2,634	5,137
Total	9,663	9,729	19,392	549	358	907	354	431	785	10,566	10,518	21,084

Figure 3. Percent of COVID-19 Cases by Category and Age Group, Region XI
(as of March 23, 2021)



Source: Department of Health XI

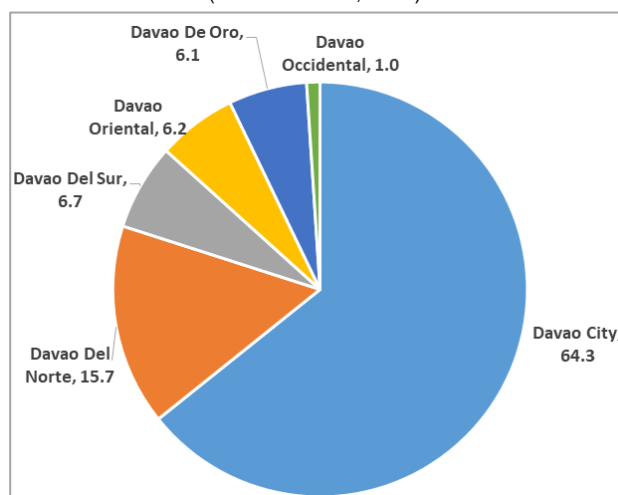
Figure 4. Deaths due to COVID-19, 50 and above by Sex, Region XI



COVID-19 cases in the provinces/city

Among the provinces/city in Region XI, Davao City had the highest number of COVID-19 cases with 64.3 percent, followed by Davao del Norte with 15.7 percent. Davao Occidental had the least with only 1.0 percent of the total confirmed cases in the region (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Percent Share of COVID-19 Cases by Province/City
(as of March 23, 2021)



Source: Department of Health XI

Per 100 confirmed cases, five had died in Davao City, four in both Davao de Oro and Davao del Sur, three in Davao del Norte, and 2 in both Davao Occidental and Davao Oriental. In terms of recovery rate, highest was recorded in Davao Oriental with 95.5 percent, that is about 96 patients recovered for every 100 of the 13,000 confirmed cases in the province. It was followed by Davao Occidental at 94.1 percent recovery rate. Meanwhile, of the 785 active cases in the region, 38.0 percent are recorded in Davao City, 33.5 percent are in Davao del Norte, and 17.6 percent are in Davao de Oro (*Table 3*).

Table 3. Number of COVID-19 Cases by Category and by Province/City, Region XI
(as of March 23, 2021)

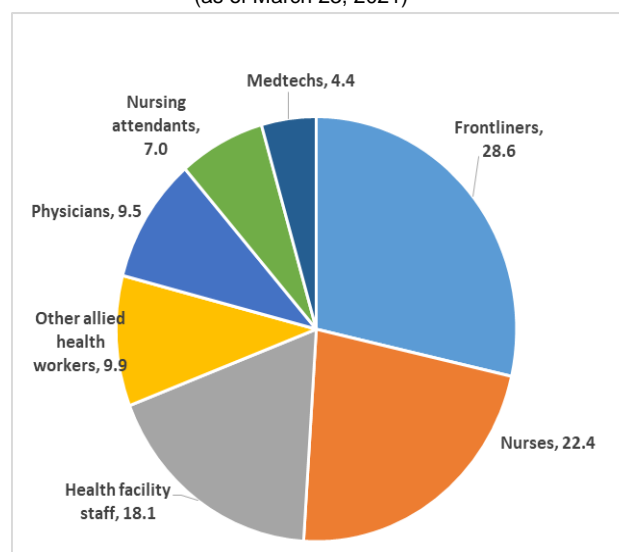
Province / City	Number				Percent		
	Total	Recovered	Died	Active	Recovered	Died	Active
Davao De Oro	1,291	1,107	46	138	85.7	3.6	10.7
Davao Del Norte	3,307	2,933	111	263	88.7	3.4	8.0
Davao Del Sur	1,418	1,316	54	48	92.8	3.8	3.4
Davao Occidental	220	207	5	8	94.1	2.3	3.6
Davao Oriental	1,300	1,241	29	30	95.5	2.2	2.3
Davao City	13,548	12,588	662	298	92.9	4.9	2.2
Total	21,084	19,392	907	785	92.0	4.3	3.7

Source: Department of Health XI

COVID-19 cases amongst health care workers

Meanwhile, as of March 23, 2021, the data provided by DOH XI showed that a total of 2,713 health care workers have been infected with COVID-19. Of the total, 9.5 percent are physicians, 22.4 percent are nurses, 7.0 percent are nursing attendants, 4.4 percent are medical technicians, 18.1 percent are health facility staff, 9.9 percent are other allied health workers, and 28.6 percent are frontliners that include uniformed personnel and volunteers deployed in health and isolation facilities (*Figure 6*).

Figure 6. Percent Share of COVID-19 Cases Among Health Care Workers, Province/City
(as of March 23, 2021)



Source: Department of Health XI

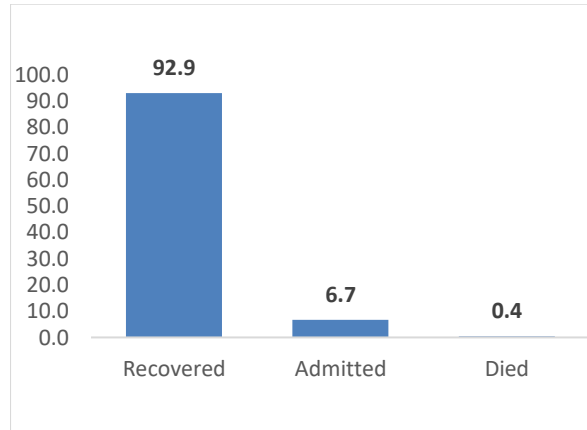
Of the 2,713 health care workers infected, 92.9 percent have recovered while 0.4 have succumbed to the disease. As of the latest data, there are 6.7 percent remained as active cases that are still admitted in a health/isolation facility.

Table 4. Number of COVID-19 Cases among Health Care Workers, Region XI
(as of March 23, 2021)

Health Care Workers	Number	Percent
Physicians	259	9.5
Nurses	609	22.4
Nursing attendants	189	7.0
Medical Technologists	120	4.4
Health facility staff	492	18.1
Other allied health workers	269	9.9
Frontliners	775	28.6
Total	2,713	100.0

Source: Department of Health XI

Figure 7. Percent of COVID-19 Cases among Health Care Workers by Disposition, Region XI
(as of March 23, 2021)



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