

Philippine Medicines Policy 2022-2030

Ensuring Universal Access to Medicines and Pandemic Resiliency



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Promoting Medicines Access in the Philippines

Looking back at the past decades...

1986

*First Philippine National Drug Policy
Creation of the First National Drug Committee*

1988

Passage of Generics Act

2008

*Cheaper Medicines Act
Food and Drug Administration Act*

2010

First Philippine Medicines Policy



The 2011-2016 Philippine Medicines Policy Framework

Philippine Medicines Policy anchored on the S.A.R.A.H. framework

**Safety,
Efficacy, and
Quality**

**Availability and
Affordability**

**Rational Use of
Medicines**

**Accountability,
Transparency and
Good Governance**

**Health Systems
Support**

ENABLING LEGISLATIONS AND POLICIES OPERATIONALIZED BY PROGRAMS

**FDA Act,
National
Formulary,
TAMA Act**

**Cheaper Medicines
Act, Maximum Retail
Price, Generics Act,**

**Philippine Action
Plan against
Antimicrobial
Resistance**

**Health Technology
Assessment, Drug Price
Reference Index,
Electronic Drug Price
Monitoring System**

**Medicines Access
Programs, Price
Negotiation,
Pharmacy Law**



VICTORIES FOR KEY REFORM AREAS IN THE HEALTH SECTOR

**Strong and
agile
regulatory
systems**

**Price regulation of
high cost medicines,
generics acceptance
& proliferation**

**Concerted efforts
against
antimicrobial
resistance**

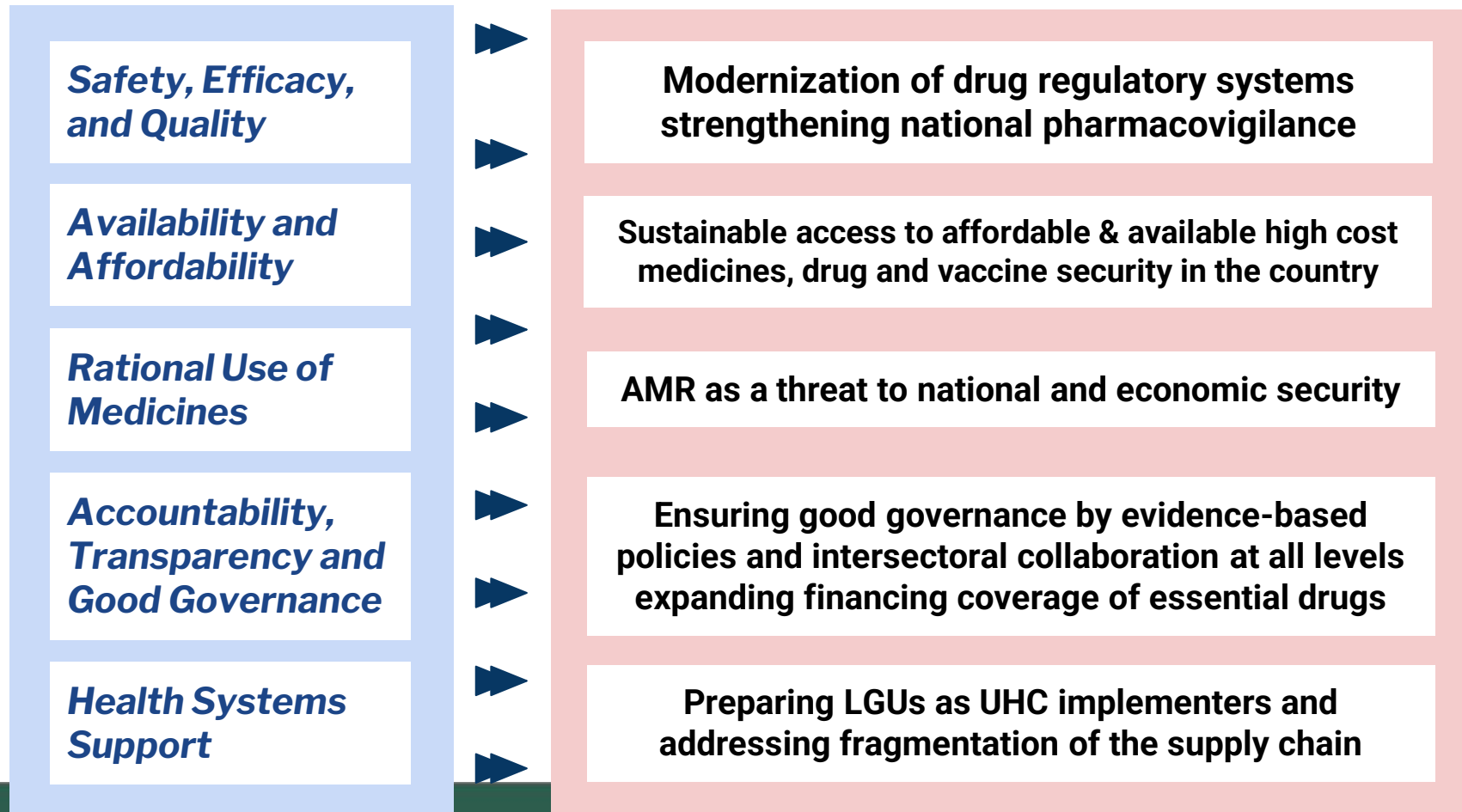
**Evidence based
formulary decisions,
ethical medicine
promotion, enhanced
market transparency**

**Access programs
for poor and
disadvantaged and
recognition of
pharmacists**



Medicines Access in the next decade

Gaps and Challenges Encountered and Expected



Lessons from the Pandemic

Gaps and Challenges

**Modernization of drug regulatory systems
strengthening national pharmacovigilance**

**Sustainable access to affordable & available high cost
medicines, drug and vaccine security in the country**

AMR as a threat to national and economic security

**Ensuring good governance by evidence-based
policies and intersectoral collaboration at all levels
expanding financing coverage of essential drugs**

**Preparing LGUs as UHC implementers and
addressing fragmentation of the supply chain**

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Pandemic Lessons

**Making medical countermeasures immediately
available through regulatory systems**

Promote accountability through governance

Build supply chain management systems

Foster public-private partnerships

Create national stockpiling and deployment plan

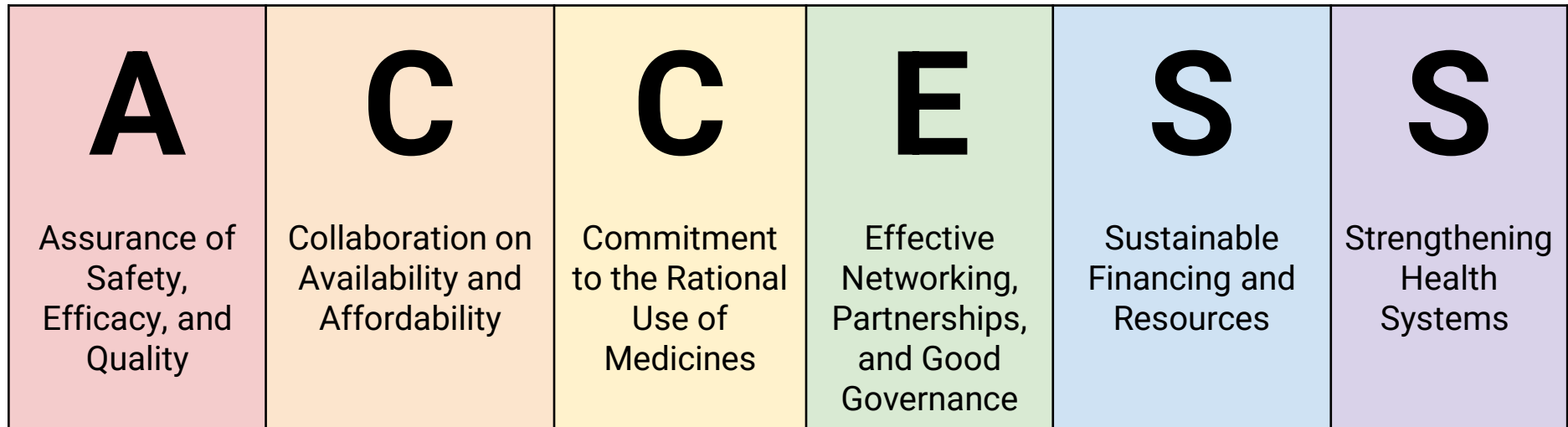
Combating misinformation and disinformation

**Support the local industry to promote self
sufficiency and vibrant competition in the market**



Policy Framework

ACCESS Medicines Framework



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VISION:
by **2030**

SUSTAINABLE ACCESS to quality & affordable essential medicines
REDUCED OUT-OF-POCKET SPENDING aligned with the
Sustainable Development Goals and Universal Health Care agenda

MISSION:



Strengthen regulatory excellence to be at par with international standards, promote mutual reliance



Continuous and timely availability, affordability, accessibility of safe and quality medicines



Informed, efficient and resilient pharmaceutical supply chain system that is responsive to local needs



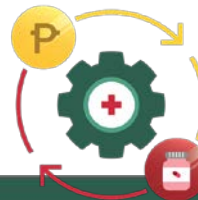
Effect behavioral changes among individuals and communities with rational medication use



Empower non-government actors to engage with government in policy and decision making processes



Accountability and good governance in all levels of the health system through digitized systems



Increase and sustain financing and other resources in medicine



Guarantee systems, public or private, that contribute to improving medicines access



Assurance of Safety, Quality and Efficacy

Key Strategies:

1. Strengthen the regulatory system for medicines
2. Build and design the clinical trial ecosystem to elevate the country as a Regional Center of Excellence
3. Institutionalize the National Pharmacovigilance Program
4. Combat substandard and falsified (SF) medicines
5. Strengthen the regulation of herbal products and complementary medicines



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Collaboration on Availability and Affordability

Availability - Key Strategies:

1. Promote self-sufficiency through local production
2. Strengthen strategic procurement initiatives for medicines
3. Implement the Philippine Supply Chain Roadmap
4. Create equitable access schemes for medicines in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs)
5. Ensure timely supply and delivery of essential medicines and its alternatives to Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICC) and Indigenous Peoples (IP)
6. Ensure drug and vaccine security for health emergencies



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Collaboration on Availability and Affordability

Affordability - Key Strategies:

1. Promote fair competition in the pharmaceutical industry
2. Advance efforts on market transparency
3. Promote the use of quality biosimilars and unbranded generics
4. Improve affordability and access to high-cost medicines
5. Sustain tax exemptions for medicines
6. Implement policies on discounts for Special Populations
7. Strengthen local capacity for innovation and apply intellectual property to improve public health
8. Stabilize Drug Prices during Health Emergencies



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Commitment to the Rational Use of Medicines

Key Strategies:

1. Streamline processes for the development of National Clinical Practice Guidelines
2. Regularly update the Philippine National Formulary
3. Strengthen the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees at all levels of healthcare
4. Promote rational prescribing, dispensing, and use of medicines
5. Implement the National Action Plan to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) through One Health Approach
6. Mainstream the use of Traditional and Complementary Medicines in the health system
7. Foster the ethical promotion of medicines

**WIN THE / AGAINST
WAR / AMR**



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Effective Networking, Partnerships, and Good Governance

Networking and Partnerships - Key Strategies:

1. Establish and standardize Guidelines and Frameworks for Networking and Partnerships
2. Harmonize and prioritize areas for networking and partnerships
3. Ensure the sustainability of existing networking and partnerships
4. Create clear standards of Good Governance in medicines (GGM)
5. Uphold transparent, evidence-based, and accountable processes



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Sustainable Financing and Resources

Key Strategies:

1. Strengthen the national strategic purchasing of medicines
2. Ensure good value for money through evidence-based selection of essential medicines
3. Maximize price negotiation as a mechanism to improve the affordability of medicines for public funding
4. Strengthen local government financing



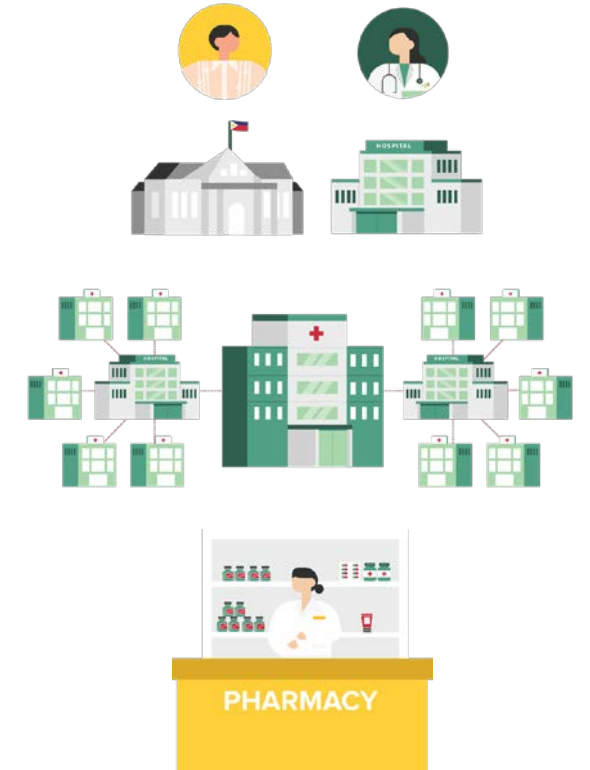
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Strengthening Health Systems

Key Strategies:

1. Ensure sufficient manpower and capacitated human resources
2. Establish a Module on the Integrated Health Information System (iHIS) for medicines
3. Create a unified research agenda on medicines
4. Promote health literacy and people empowerment
5. Support access to medicines within Health Care Provider Networks (HCPNs)



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Milestones and Indicators

Milestones

- Key events, policies, or actions in the roadmap that mark a significant stage towards our ultimate goal of better access to medicines

Access Indicators

- Outcome measures ideally capable of capturing the impacts of our policies across the different dimensions/pillars of the ACCESS Roadmap
 - Mostly from WHO Indicators on Medicines
 - Aligned with the SDG Indicators (3.8 and 3.b.3)

Currently aligning the final indicators with the UHC Health Financing Strategy and the NOH

