

### THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY: OUTLOOK AND OPPORTUNITIES

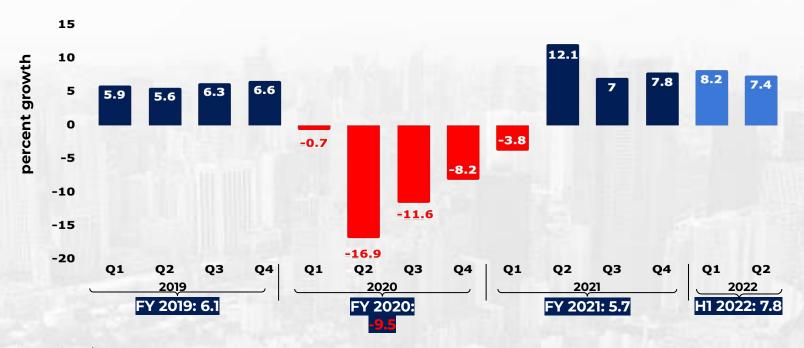
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# The Philippines' bright economic outlook signals a rapid recovery and robust economic growth

#### Q2 2022 GDP growth shows that we are on a steady path to a strong rebound and expansion

Philippines' Real GDP growth rate (year-on-year)



The Philippine economic expansion in the second quarter of the year was broad-based





Agriculture 0.2%

6.3%

9.1%

Data Source: PSA

### Investment inflows reflect confidence in the Philippines' long-term economic prospects

**Net Foreign Direct Investment Inflows (In USD billions)** 



Data Source: BSP \*Jan-Jun 2022 FDI data is preliminary

### Revenues continue to increase due to robust economic activity

**Total Revenue Collection (in PHP Trillion)** 



#### We are seeing green shots in the jobs market

	August 2021	August 2022
Labor force participation	63.6%	66.1%
Employment	91.9%	94.7%
Unemployment	8.1%	5.3%

### The Philippines is fully prepared to address geopolitical risks and shifting economic landscape

#### **Key challenges ahead:**







### Marcos administration's 8-point socioeconomic agenda in the near and medium term

#### **ROBUST ECONOMY, INCLUSIVE AND RESILIENT SOCIETY**

PROTECT THE
PURCHASING POWER
OF FAMILIES



Ensure Food Security



Reduce Transport and Logistics Cost



Reduce Energy Cost REDUCE VULNERABILITY AND MITIGATE SCARRING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Tackle Health



Strengthe n Social Protection



Address Learning Losses ENSURE SOUND MACROECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS



Improve
Bureaucratic
Efficiency



Ensure
Sound Fiscal
Management

CREATE MORE JOBS, QUALITY JOBS, GREEN JOBS



Promote Investments



Expand Digital Infrastructure



Improve Infrastructure



**Encourage R&D** and Innovation



Ensure Energy Security



Pursue a
Green and Blue
Economy



Increase Employability



Establish Livable and Sustainable Communities

**NEAR-TERM AGENDA** 

**MEDIUM-TERM AGENDA** 

The 8-point socioeconomic agenda will allow us to lift people out of poverty and improve the quality of life of Filipinos



## The country's first-ever Medium-Term Fiscal Framework serves as our blueprint to steer the economy back to high growth trajectory

Particulars	Target	
Real GDP Growth	6.5 -7.5 percent in 2022 6.5-8.0 percent in 2023-2028	
Poverty Rate	9.0 percent by 2028	
Deficit-to-GDP Ratio	3.0 percent by 2028	
Debt-to-GDP Ratio	60.0 percent by 2025	
Infrastructure Spending-to-GDP Ratio	5.0-6.0 percent annually between 2023 to 2028	
Gross Net Income Per Capita	At least USD 4,256.0 or attainment of upper-middle-income status	

## The Medium-Term Fiscal Framework proposes measures that will enhance the fairness and efficiency of our tax system

1. Promote efficient tax administration through digitalization



2. Put in place measures that will help our tax system catch up with the digital economy



3. Introduce tax measures that will promote environmental sustainability to address climate change



4. Pursue the remaining tax reform packages of the Duterte administration



## The Medium-Term Fiscal Framework will promote sustainable long-term growth and solid fiscal management



Bring down our debt-to-GDP ratio to less than 60 percent by 2025, and 51.2 percent by 2028



Reduce fiscal deficit GDP to 3.0 percent of GDP by 2028



Maintain high investment in infrastructure at 5 to 6 percent of GDP annually

### We will take advantage of the structural reforms already set in place to attract beneficial foreign investments

Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act





Amendments to the Foreign Investments Act

Amendments to the Retail Trade
Liberalization Act

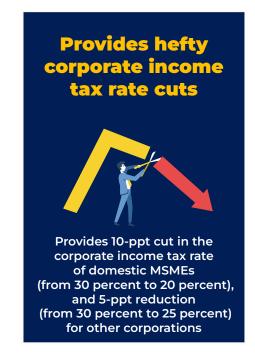




Amendments to the Public Service Act

## The Marcos administration is faithfully implementing the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act

**Largest fiscal** stimulus program for enterprises in the country's history **Provides nearly** USD 2 billion worth of tax relief annually to the corporate sector





### Our new economic liberalization laws widen the space for international firms to invest in previously protected sectors



### Amendments to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act

- Lowered the minimum paid-up capital requirement for foreign corporations from USD 2.5 million to USD 500,000.
- Simplified the qualification requirements of foreign retailers.



#### Amendments to the Foreign Investment Act

- Mandated a review of the Foreign Investment Negative List every two years.
- Liberalized the practice of professions.
- Enhanced transparency in monitoring foreign investments.



#### Amendments to the Public Service Act

 Opened up public services to 100 percent foreign ownership, and retain public utilities as majority Filipinoowned, subject to the 60-40 ownership rule. With decisive leadership, a well-calibrated fiscal strategy, and a more open economy, the Philippines is primed for a bright economic future



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