



Human Immunodeficiency Virus



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RESEARCH QUESTION

HOW MUCH IS THE BUDGET ALLOCATED FOR HIV TREATMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES?



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INSIGHTS

- ❖ TO KNOW THE EXISTING BUDGET ON THE HIV
- ❖ IDENTIFY IF THE BUDGET INCREASES OR DECREASES

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WHAT IS HIV?

According from hi.gov HIV (*human immunodeficiency virus*) is a virus that attacks cells that help the body fight infection, making a person more vulnerable to other infections and diseases. It is spread by contact with certain bodily fluids of a person with HIV, most commonly during unprotected sex (sex without a condom or HIV medicine to prevent or treat HIV), or through sharing injection drug equipment.

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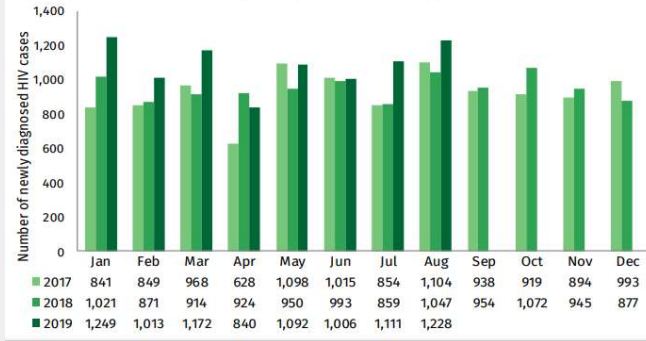
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Summary of Newly Diagnosed Cases

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Fig. 1: Number of newly diagnosed cases per month, 2017-2019

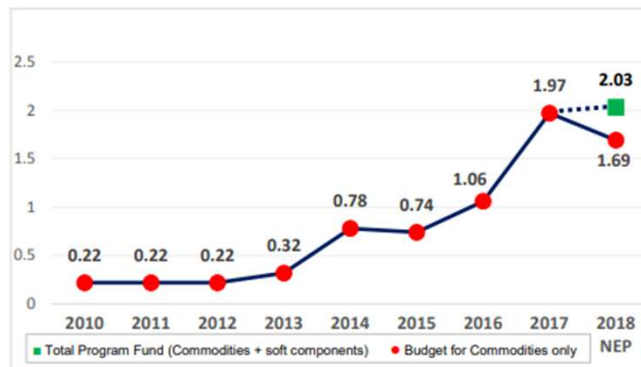


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Graph from DOH

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Budget Trend:



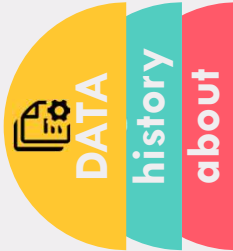
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The increase in the budget from PhP 744 M in 2015 to PhP 1.06 B in 2016 was due to the increase in the procurement of ARVs to adjust to the new guidelines set by WHO. This eligibility guidelines increased the CD4 count cut off from 350 to 500, which increased the estimated number of PLHIVs to be catered in 2016.




Graph from DOH

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INSIGHTS



- ❑ DOH are asking the government for 1.2 billion budget because of the rising number of people diagnosed with HIV
- ❑ The HIV treatment hubs don't have enough remaining medication for ARTs
- ❑ The treatment hubs are short on ARTs (Antiretroviral Therapy) since diagnosed people might continue to rise



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RECOMMENDATION



- ❑ Additional budget for medications, testing kits and ARTs for emergency purposes

