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Sharpening and fine tuning our fiscal tools for sustainable and resilient growth

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Building climate-smart and climate-resilient infrastructure



Our Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) seeks to achieve the following objectives:



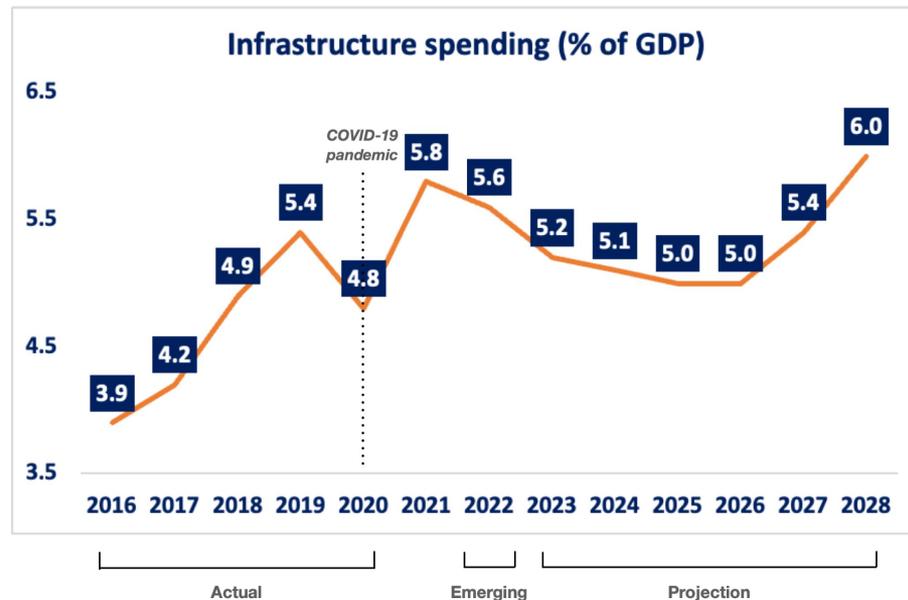
Bring down debt-to-GDP ratio to less than 60 percent by 2025



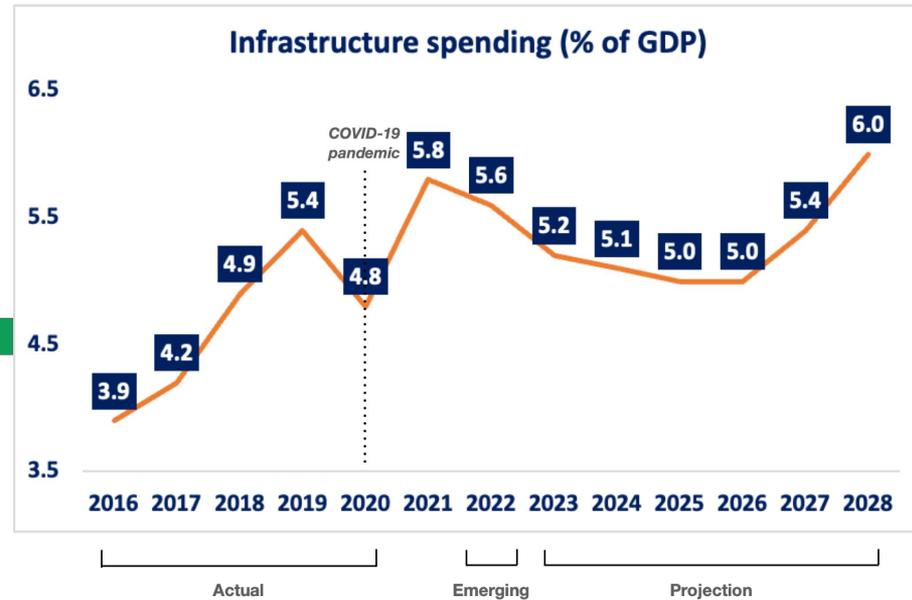
Reduce deficit-to-GDP ratio to 3.0 percent by 2028



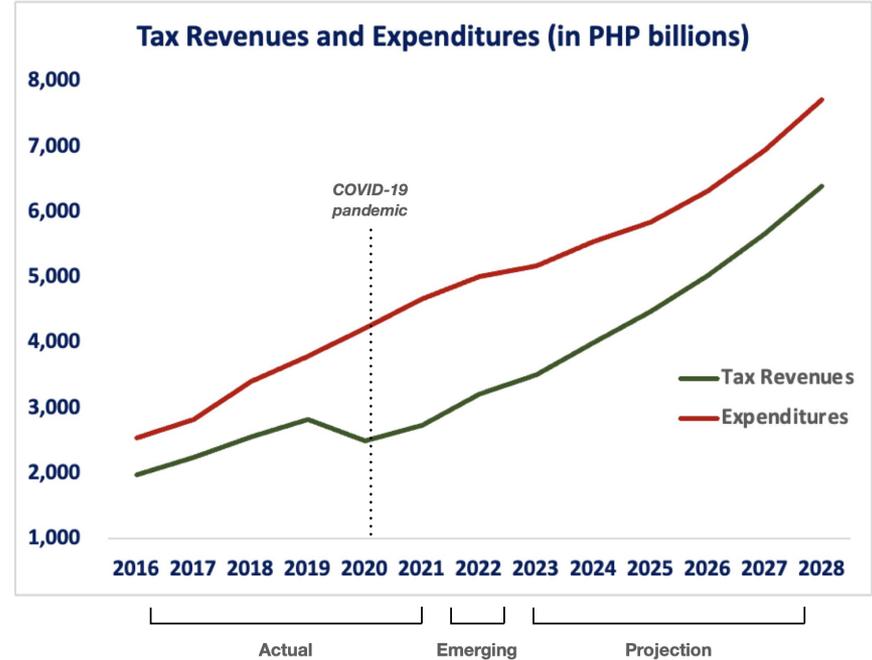
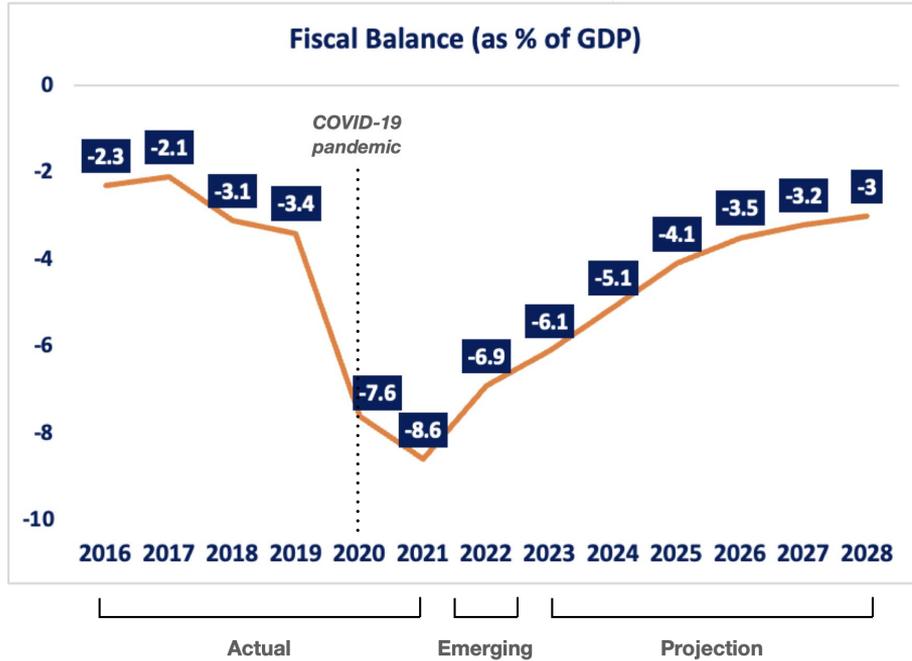
Maintain high investment in infrastructure at 5 to 6 percent of GDP annually



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The unprecedented scale of crucial spending during the pandemic, at a time when revenues were down, widened the fiscal deficit.



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- Support the development or redevelopment of infrastructure to build back better;
- Advance climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives;
- Enhance capacity for disaster response and recovery; and
- Reduce social risks and vulnerabilities.



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Sustainable Finance Framework Republic of Philippines

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The Framework sets out how the Republic intends to raise green, social, or sustainability bonds, and other debt instruments in the international capital markets.

As of January 2023, a combined total of USD3 billion of 25-year Sustainability Global Notes and JPY70.1 billion of Sustainability Samurai Bonds have been issued under the Framework.

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Updates:

- Majority of the banks have already submitted their transition plans to the BSP.
- A number of large banks in the Philippines have already released their Sustainable Finance Frameworks and have started issuing sustainable finance-related financial instruments.



Philippine National Bank

- Some smaller banks experienced challenges in complying with the guidelines. Hence, increasing awareness and building capacity of said banks are top priorities for the BSP.

Note: Banks were given a three-year transition period until May 2023.

Policy considerations as a way forward:

1

Centralized data collection system to track sustainable finance flows from both public and private sectors



3

Increasing public and stakeholder awareness on sustainable development and sustainable finance



2

Sustainable pipeline database and sustainability index



4

Promotion of investments towards climate adaptation, mitigation, and also transition finance





As we strive to build back better towards a sustainable future for our people, we are open in adapting innovative strategies, like leveraging on **sustainable finance, to aid in building a more climate-smart and climate-resilient Philippines.**