

# Acknowledgements

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The 'Ageing and Health in the Philippines, Wave 2' report offers an updated profile of older Filipinos, drawing on data from the follow-up survey of the original respondents of the Longitudinal Study of Ageing and Health in the Philippines (LSAHP) project. Building on the baseline data from the initial report, this new edition presents a comprehensive picture of the health, socioeconomic status, and overall well-being of older individuals approximately 4 years after the initial interview at baseline survey.

In addition to the topics covered in the first report, this second wave introduces new areas of exploration, including mortality, the experiences of older persons during the COVID-19 pandemic, and geospatial covariates that provide a deeper understanding of the situation of older Filipinos. The LSAHP is the only nationally representative panel data set on older people aged 60 years and over in the Philippines, making it a vital resource for understanding and addressing the needs of the ageing population.

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