

# PHILIPPINES

Region: Southeast Asia (Global South)

Population (2022): 115.6 million (13<sup>th</sup>)

Life Expectancy at Birth (Women): 73.6 year s

Governance System: Presidential republic (democracy)

Capital: Manilla

Land Area (km<sup>2</sup>): 298,179 (70<sup>th</sup>)

Major Languages: Filipino, English

## *Select Global Rankings*

GDP (2022): 40<sup>th</sup> (404,294 US\$ Millions)

Human Development Index: 116<sup>th</sup> (Medium)

Fragile States Index - Inverted: 119<sup>th</sup> (Cat. 7)

Good Country Index: 87<sup>th</sup>

Human Freedom Index: 101<sup>st</sup>

World Happiness Ranking: 76<sup>th</sup>

## *Select Global Rankings (Gender-Focus)*

Gross National Income Per Capita (Women): 91<sup>st</sup>

Gender Social Norms Index: 82<sup>nd</sup>

Women's Power Index: 66<sup>th</sup>

Social Institutions and Gender Index (World Cup rank): 32<sup>nd</sup>

Gender Inequality Index: 101<sup>st</sup>

Global Gender Gap Index: 16<sup>th</sup>

Women Peace & Security Index: 61<sup>st</sup>

## *Elite Sport System Rankings*

2020 Summer Olympic Women's Medals (% of Total): 2 (50% of 4)

2022 Winter Olympic Women's Medals (% of Total): none

Global Cup Ranking (Women): 64<sup>th</sup>

## *Football/World Cup Profile*

FIFA Region: AFC

FIFA Ranking: 46<sup>th</sup>

World Cup Appearance: 1<sup>st</sup>

Best World Cup Performance(s): Debut

Qualification: Asian Cup semi-finalist

World Cup Group: A

Last World Cup Appearance: none

## **PHILIPPINES in International (Gender) Affairs (by Alanna Harman)**

The Philippines were claimed as a colony for the Spanish Empire in 1521 and lasted until the Philippine Revolution in 1898. The United State of America then fought Spain during the Spanish-American war and took possession of the [Philippines](#). The impact of these historical events continues to influence the Philippines today there are many [cultural](#) similarities that are still shared today between the Philippines and Spain, and the USA and the Philippines continue to have [strong](#) diplomatic relations. The Philippines gained full independence under a US-style constitution in [1946](#).

The Philippines promotes free press and government censorship is not a concern, however, the Philippines is one of the most dangerous places to be a [journalist](#). It has been reported that politicians will hire private militias to “silence journalists with complete [impunity](#)”.

## **Gender Equity**

According to the World Bank “on several fronts, the Philippines is a best performer when it comes to [gender](#) equality in the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) region and even globally. In the latest Global Gender Gap report, the Philippines occupies 17<sup>th</sup> place, with 78.4% of its overall gender gap close to date”. The Philippines is ranked [second](#) in the region behind New Zealand. However, women’s participation in the work force remains low at just [49%](#) in contrast to 76% of Filipino men. The World Bank’s report [\*Overcoming the Barriers to Women’s Economic Empowerment in the Philippines\*](#) identified that childcare and social norm about roles greatly impacted women’s ability to join the workforce. Further compounding the issue is that women in the workforce are mostly concentrated in low skill positions in which their male counterparts are compensated [50%](#) more on their daily wage. However, in high skilled jobs women earn about 20% more than their male counterparts.

This will be the Philippines first appearance at a Women’s World Cup. The success of the women’s national team has been attributed to recruitment internationally from the Filipino diaspora and enhanced [coaching](#). With the country rallying around the women’s team the government has created special cash incentives to recognize the women’s team. Each of the players on the team received P50,000 for reaching the semifinals of the 2022 AFC Women’s Asian [Cup](#).