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MOST URGENT NATIONAL CONCERNS
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(In Percent / Multiple Response Allowed)

- Controlling inflation: 47%
- Increasing the pay of workers: 39%
- Creating more jobs: 29%
- Reducing the poverty of many Filipinos: 27%
- Controlling the spread of COVID-19: 25%
- Fighting graft and corruption in government: 22%
- Providing assistance/subsidy to those who lost their livelihood & jobs because of the COVID-19 pandemic: 21%
- Addressing the problem of involuntary hunger: 15%
- Fighting criminality: 15%
- Enforcing the law on all whether influential or ordinary people: 13%
- Stopping the destruction and abuse of our environment: 12%
- Increasing peace in the country: 12%
- Reducing the amount of taxes paid: 9%
- Protecting the welfare of OFWs: 5%
- Defending the integrity of Philippine territory against foreigners: 5%
- Preparing to face any kind of terrorism: 4%
## ISSUES PRIVATE INVESTORS CAN HELP ADDRESS

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Q31. Sa mga sumusunod na isyu, saan makatutulong ang mga pribadong namumuhunan o private investors? Maaari po kay pumili ng kahit ilan.
The private sector, through ESG, plays a vital role in advancing the country’s sustainable development.

The interconnected challenges in public health, the economy, and the environment cannot be ignored. These have greatly disrupted global economic growth and punctuates the urgency to rebuild a more sustainable and resilient future.

The Philippines, must pursue a “green” and sustainable economy that would harness new innovations and strategies for economic growth, environmental stewardship, climate resilience, and public health.

The private sector, without a doubt, plays a vital role in advancing the country’s sustainable development. By adopting Environment, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) principles, a new order of sustainable ecosystems will arise by pushing for green investments, responsible and efficient business operations and reporting, as well as efficient pollution management.
Private sector ESG initiatives in synergy with the whole-of-society

Every private sector-led initiative grounded on ESG will nurture a better and more sustainable future that will result in positive long-term returns for the economy, society, and the environment.

However, the private sector alone cannot address the far-reaching changes that sustainability will require. The government, and with the help of civil society’s lenses, should set the much-needed responsive policies and frameworks that are conducive to doing business while ensuring compliance with ESG principles.

The synergy of good policy, all-sectoral cooperation, and innovative technologies will create a sustainable economic culture that will build inclusive prosperity by responsibly harnessing our natural resources, effectively controlling pollution, integrating energy-efficient infrastructures, and administered under good governance and upright social values.

As far as society is concerned, how a company behaves is now as important as what it sells, produces, or provides; why accountability in these core issues of Environment, Social, and Corporate Governance matters more than ever.
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