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### National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) Monitoring with IMPACT

*March 9-10, 2016*

*Tumauini, Gamu, Benito Soliven*

The Innovations and Multisectoral Partnerships to Achieve Control of TB (IMPACT), a non-government development partner together with the NTP Core Team of the Isabela Provincial Health Office conducted a monitoring visit to the RHUs of Tumauini, Gamu and Benito Soliven to check the TB program performance and address issues and concerns on program implementation. Interview and review of records and reports were employed as the methods used to ascertain proper implementation of the program in line with the prescribed Manual of Procedures (MOP). Suggestive recommendations were given to address certain issues and concerns pertaining to program implementation.



Provincial NTP Coordinator reviews and discusses the cases recorded in the TB Register with the public health nurses of the RHUs of Tumauini (above left), Gamu (above right), and Benito Soliven (bottom)





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### **Integrated Tuberculosis Information System (ITIS) Users Conference**

*March 30-31, 2016*

*H2O Hotel, Manila*

Integrated Tuberculosis Information System (ITIS) incorporates the requirements of the DOH in the management and/or implementation of the National Tuberculosis Program. The ITIS is a web-based system and a tool for data collection, processing, reporting, and use of the information necessary for improving TB control effectiveness and efficiency.

Its general objective is to establish a standard system of recording and reporting TB cases that serves beneficial to the health facilities and the entire health sector.

The Integrated TB Information System (ITIS) is making its way to become the primary electronic recording and reporting tool for the National TB Control Program. With the current phase of system development and implementation, the aim of ITIS is to establish an efficient and effective TB data management that is within reach.

In line with this, the Knowledge Management and Information Technology Service (KMITS) of the Department of Health Central Office has conducted a 1 ½ day “Users Conference” to gather the system users to give feedback on the system. It was the first batch among the 4 batches to be conducted by KMITS nationwide. The activity was attended by Regional Health Offices and PHOs along with their respective ITIS Project Associates of regions CAR, Region I, Region II, Region IVA and Region IVB. Data gathered will be used to further enhance the functionality of the system. In addition to the said activity, KMITS has also included presentations of software updates, future plans and further guidelines for implementation.



Participants from Region II –  
Cagayan Valley headed by the  
Regional NTP Medical Coordinator



Open Forum on system functionalities

ITIS Project Associate of Isabela presents the ITIS Regional Plan





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**Program Implementation Review**

The Provincial Health Office – Field Health Services dutifully participated in the Program Implementation Review at the Rural Health Units (RHUs) of Luna, Reina Mercedes, San Mariano, and Mallig for the month of March 2016. This activity enables the health workers and managers to assess the scope and extent of health program implementation in line with the national objectives, standards and goals of the Department of Health.

**Luna, Isabela: March 8, 2016**



A representative from DOH – RO2 reiterates the goal of PIR to the participants



The IPHO staff critically analyzes the data presented



**Reina Mercedes: March 15, 2016**



One of the midwives of Reina Mercedes presents the program output of two (2) of her catchment areas

Representatives from DOH – RO2 and IPHO together with the Public Health Nurse review and discuss the data recorded in the Target Client List (TCL)



**San Mariano: March 16, 2016**



The MHO of RHU – San Mariano with Region and PHO staff acknowledge the most impressive barangay with a certificate and a token



Mallig: March 22, 2016



A representative from DOH – RO2 gives her introductory remarks about the PIR



Participants listen with focus as the Provincial EPI Coordinator communicates her observations and analysis of the accomplishments presented



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### **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Inventory and Mapping of At-Risk Populations, Areas, and Current Services (HIV IMPAC) Orientation**

*March 30-31, 2016*

*Hotel Carmelita, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan*

The launching of the High Impact Breakthrough Strategies ensures the attainment of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of Universal Health Care particularly to prevent the increase of HIV/AIDS. The DOH through the Epidemiology Bureau is assigned to collect epidemiological data on local HIV cases to halt the spread of HIV in key populations through strengthened delivery of essential prevention, treatment and care.

One of the strategies is to conduct HIV Inventory and Mapping of at-risk Populations, Areas and Current Services (HIV IMPAC). The objective of this activity includes assessment of areas at risk for HIV and identification of key populations, development of an inventory of current HIV services, mapping of high-risk venues, events and clans where HIV services should be provided to reach the targeted population.

In line with this, the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU) of the DOH-Regional Office II conducted a two day orientation on HIV IMPAC at Tuguegarao City. This is to help the LGU in planning on how the HIV IMPAC activities are to be implemented and to determine where they should focus their HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing. The orientation was participated by 5 municipalities from Isabela (Ilagan City, Cauayan City, Alicia, Roxas, Tumauini) and 3 municipalities from Nueva Vizcaya (Bambang, Bayombong, Solano). The HIV IMPAC activities will be carried out by each municipality together with the RESU team from April to December 2016. Participants include municipal/city health officers, medical technologists, nurses, and midwives.



The participants actively join in the planning of HIV IMPAC activity in their respective municipalities



Regional STI/HIV Coordinator and RESU Nurse discuss the HIV IMPAC activity to the group







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April 22, 2016

**Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez, CPA**  
*Provincial Administrator*  
Province of Isabela

Sir,

Warm Greetings!

Respectfully submitting the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of reports for the salient activities of our office covering the period of March 1 to 31, 2016, herein attached for posting to the provincial website.

Thank you and God bless.

Very truly yours,

ROSA RITA B. MARIANO, M.D.  
*Provincial Health Officer II*