



February marks the celebration of the Oral health month with a theme "Ngipin Inaalagaan at Pinagyayaman, Hatid ay Ngiting di Kukupas Kailanman" which aims to rise Oral Health Consciousness among children and their caregivers. This event emphasizes the need for educating the public in order to make them more aware of the value of good oral health. The objectives are:

- To reduce the prevalence rate of dental caries and periodontal diseases
- To increase oral health awareness and promote the importance of oral health that will contribute to the quality of life of an individual.
- To update public health dentists, dental aides and daycare presidents on Oral Health implementing guidelines.
- To increase the proportion of orally fit children under 6 years old
- To improve the oral health conditions of pregnant women and older persons,

This year's celebration is a fitting venue to intensify the advocacy of Dental Health programs focusing on its effect and importance to the general health of an individual by choosing 10 barangays of all ages (500 persons per barangay) in the different municipalities of Isabela, funded by the DOH-Regional Office 2, the provincial government of Isabela and Colgate-Palmolive Philippines. particularly:

Alicia	Angadanan	Benito Soliven
San Mateo	Cabatuan	Cabagan
San Manuel	Jones	
San Agustin	Cauayan City	
Reina Mercedes	San Guillermo	







The kick-off activity of the Dental Health Month is a fabulous motorcade by the participating municipalities







Stakeholders from the LGU all volts in for the activity, teaches the kids on tooth brushing drills







The dental team at work! Demonstration on the proper tooth brushing technique, actual flouride application and intensifying advocacy on the Dental Health Programs .





The Provincial Dentists performs Tooth Extraction and fluoride application to day care pupils and grade school (Grades 1-3) pupils.





The PGI's partner COLGATE philippines shares toothbrushes and toothpastes to everyone.



"Together, We'll keep Isabela Smiling" says the workforce of the Isabela Dental Team



MALARIA PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

In an effort to achieve a Malaria-free Philippines, The Provincial Government of Isabela with active partnership to the Global Fund through the Movement Against Malaria (MAM) of the Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. has been supporting the Malaria Control Program of the Department of Health through the implementation of vector control strategies, diagnosis and treatment, and capacity building.

The year 2016 was a significant year for the National and Provincial Program management as well as those working in the frontlines in eliminating the Malaria due to the dramatic decrease of cases since 2014 wherein the Province of Isabela has a zero case for two(2) consecutive years (2015 and 2016). As a result, Isabela is currently working hand in hand as we draw nearer for a Malaria-free Province in the year 2019.





The Information Officer from the Provincial Government of Isabela graces the affair with his welcome address in behalf of the Provincial Administrator.

The OIC Provincial Health Officer-II conveys his warm welcome to the participants during the Program Implementation Review at Mango Suites Hotel at Santiago City, Isabela



The Provincial Malaria Coordinator presents the accomplishments and status of Malaria Control Program for the year 2016.



The Regional Malaria Coordinator of the Department of Health-Regional Office discusses the status of Malaria cases in the region.



The Municipal Health Officer of Dinapigue, Isabela presents his Malaria Plan of Action for the Year 2017



The Malaria point person from the City Health Office of Ilagan reports their accomplishments in eliminating Malaria.





Participants from District II and III draft Plan of Activity in their corresponding areas of responsibility for the year 2017.





The Project Officers from Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. (Movement Against Malaria) extends their heartfelt gratitude for continuously supporting the Movement Against Malaria Program





The Provincial Validator from IPHO discusses the topic, "Quality Assurance of Facilities"

The DMO-V from Regional Office delivers her closing remarks



The Chief of Hospitals, Municipal/City Health Officers from the different RHU/CHO together with the Provincial Health Officer-I for the group picture.



ASSESSMENT OF ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTERS OF ISABELA

Combating Rabies maybe a difficult task, but certainly, not an impossible one. Guidelines are now in place for appropriate as well as cost-effective management of animal bite patients with the integration of local recommendations. Congruent to this, an Assessment on the Animal Bite Treatment Centers among the provincially-operated district hospitals of Isabela was conducted last February 21, 22 &24, 2017 respectively. The activity aims to prescribe guidelines and procedures in the conduct of National Rabies Prevention and control program, Animal bite treatment center and ABC certification amongst public and private facilities specifically for assessing the quality of the services provided to patients exposed to Rabies.

An Assessment team composed of the region and provincial Rabies personnel visited 4 Animal Bite Treatment Center facilities of the province wherein all got flying colors to beat the passing score for certification of Philhealth accreditation purposes. With this, Rabies Program will be further enhanced thru improved delivery of care.

ECHAGUE DISTRICT HOSPITAL



The Regional Coordinator talks about the importance of animal bite categorization and free vaccination provided by DOH.



The Provincial Rabies Coordinator talks about Rabies prevention among patients that day.

CAUAYAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL



Post assessment feed backing with the Chief of Hospital and deliberation on recommendations by the regional coordinator.



Regional Coordinator teaches staff about the importance of giving anti-rabies vaccine specifically indigent patients.

GOVERNOR FAUSTINO N. DY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



The Regional coordinator gives emphasis to the free rabies vaccines .



The Chief of Hospital together with coordinators talks about the different gaps and issues.

MILAGROS ALBANO DISTRICT HOSPITAL



The ABTC Nurse presents all written policies and updates report to the regional coordinator.



The Assessment team deliberates with the health team during the discussion

MANUEL A. ROXAS DISTRICT HOSPITAL





The ABTC coordinator with the regional coordinator reviews the different written policies regarding the program.



"Awareness on Current Issues of Teenage Pregnancy in Empowering the Youth Today and Tomorrow"

The youth are the hope of our fatherland and they contribute to the development of our nation. They comprise a large segment of the general populace. However, adolescents face many threats to their health and well-being and they are susceptible to conditions that are related to their increased mobility, socialization and risk-taking behavior.

One of the most alarming issues affecting the youth nowadays is the high incidence of teenage pregnancy. The Isabela Provincial Health Office continues to undertake advocacy in various secondary schools in the municipality of San Manuel of Isabela, as an immediate intervention to reduce the incidence of teenage pregnancy problem in the province wherein around 600 pupils attended the activity.



The Provincial AHYD coordinator presents the magnitude of teenage pregnancy nationwide, region wide and province wide.



The assistant AHYD coordinator advocates on the contributory factors, consequences and how to prevent Teenage Pregnancy



The participants actively listen during the conduct of advocacy on teenage pregnancy.



Adolescent Health and Youth Development (AHYD) provincial coordinator presents the Isabela Provincial Situationer on Teenage pregnancy at Malalinta National High School, San Manuel, Isabela



A resource person talks about the consequences of Teenage pregnancy and how to prevent it at Callang National High School



Interactive forum takes place after the lectures on teenage pregnancy at Sandiat National High School.