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## *"Nurturing Isabeleños' Health in times of Disaster"*

The early part of the year prompted the workforce of ISABELA to join together for the *Gawad Kalasag Evaluation* last January 5, 2017 at the Isabela Evacuation Center, City of Ilagan, Isabela. **Gawad KALASAG** is the country's premier annual award for outstanding contribution in the fields of disaster risk reduction and management and humanitarian assistance. It is the principal mechanism by which the NDRRMC advances awareness of the best practices of DRRM and humanitarian response and action. Moreover, it aims to appreciate individuals, groups or institutions which have shown extraordinary courage, heroism and sacrifice in times of emergencies, be it natural or human-induced.



First stop: a quick visit to the Isabela Infirmary and Birthing Facility by the Evaluation team



The physical set-up of the Infirmary and Birthing Facility located beside the Isabela Evacuation Center



Wheelchairs standby for emergency transport of patients



The Labor Room in complete amenities await patients in labor



A well-kept Recovery Room with a 5-bed capacity



The Pharmacy for the storage of drugs, medicines and basic supplies for treatment



The Lactation Room located at the second floor of the Isabela Evacuation Center offers a clean, secure, and user-friendly environment for women who need to breastfeed their babies during emergency and disasters.





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According to the handbook provided by Lion's Club, one child goes blind every minute and half-a-million may lose their sight by the end of the year. To combat this problem, Lions Clubs International Foundation and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care in coordination with the Provincial Government of Isabela through the Provincial Health Office Field Health Services have collaborated to develop "**Sight for Kids**," a program that provides vision screening and eye health education for children.

Since this project is primarily school based, networking with the National Committee on Sight Prevention (NCSP) together with the DOH and DepEd, has enjoined all the NGOs and Professional Health Organizations, to come up with a universal medical dental and vision checkup among grade school students in public elementary schools nationwide. This is aligned with the global initiative of *Vision 2020* of the WHO, that is, *to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020*. To date, several public schools throughout the country have started conducting vision screening. In line with this, the Provincial Government of Isabela started the program last January 9-12, 2017 in different elementary and High School students in Cauayan City and four districts of Isabela. The screening team refracted about 600 prescription eyeglasses and will refer about 150 children with eye problems to ophthalmologists.

#### CAUAYAN CITY

##### (CAUAYAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL)



Courtesy call with the Principal of Cauayan City National High School



The Medical Doctor of Isabela Provincial Health Office coordinates with the School Nurse of Cauayan City National High School.





Registration of the Dep-Ed Teachers for their Students for eye screening and refraction



Coordination with the President of Lions Club International-Marikina Chapter, Optometrist and Dep-Ed Nurse of Cauayan.



The Lions Club International President performs the Vision Screening



Testing of Sample Frame of Eyeglasses for students during Screening



Final Visual Screening and refraction by licensed Optometrist.



**DISTRICT 1  
(CABAGAN SCIENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)**



The Lions Club International President joins the Vision Screening



Final Visual Screening and refraction by licensed Optometrist.



Courtesy call with the Principal of Cabagan Science Elementary School.



Vision Screening of the pupils/students by the Teachers and School Nurses.



A nurse from the Provincial Health Office helps in Vision Screening and Validation.



Vision Screening of the pupils/students by the Teachers and School Nurses.



**DISTRICT 2  
(ROXAS WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL)**



Final Visual Screening and refraction by Licensed Optometrist.



The Medical Doctor of Provincial Health Office validates the pupils prior to referral to Ophthalmologist.



The Lions Club International President works together for the Vision Screening .



Vision Screening of the pupils/students by the Teachers and School Nurses.



The Pupils wait in line for the Vision Screening and Validation.





A nurse from Provincial Health Office assists in Vision Screening and validation.



The untiring Optometrist checks on the vision of pupils or students

#### **DISTRICT 3 & 4 (ECHAGUE COMMUNITY/EVACUATION CENTER)**



Group picture with staff of Dep Ed District 3 and 4, IPHO staff, Lions Clubs International representatives with Echague Mayor, Hon. Francis Faustino A. Dy





Final Visual Screening and refraction by Licensed Optometrist.



The Pupils line up for the Vision Screening.



The Medical Doctor of Provincial Health Office during the validation of pupils for referral to Ophthalmologist.





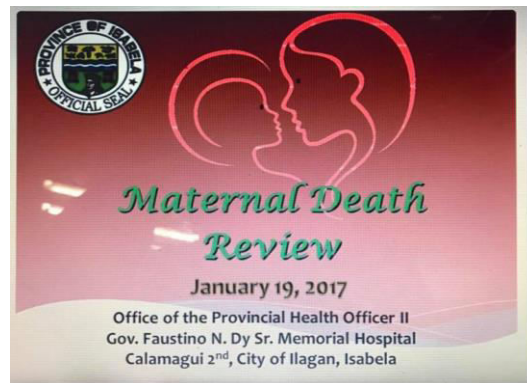
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***“Saving Mother’s Life is Saving the Future Generation”***

To continue the effort to improve maternal and newborn health in the province of Isabela, a Maternal Death Review was conducted last January 19, 2017 at Gov. Faustino N. Dy Memorial Hospital for the reported deaths last 2<sup>nd</sup>-4th quarters of 2016. The said activity was attended by the Provincial Maternal Death Review Committee, DOH-RO2 representatives, Private OB-Gyne Practitioners, Provincial MNCHN team and concerned RHU personnel.

Moreover, the review aims to identify major medical, non-medical causes; delays that contributed at various levels, after which a municipal plan of action was formulated by RHUs in order to address the identified causes and gaps to finally institutionalize improvements in the health delivery system.



The Isabela Provincial Hospital and Field Health Office heads welcome the guests as well as deliver the inspirational message



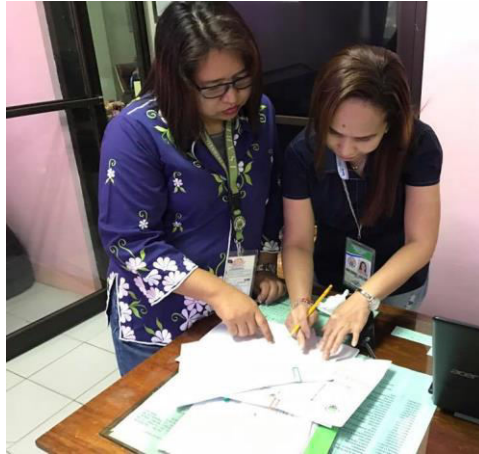
## The situation on Maternal and Newborn Health in Isabela for 2015 and 2016



Presentation of cases as MDR committee critically analyzes the factors that led to the situation



Presentation of synthesis after the discussion of all cases
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In unison, the health team pledge their support on the next steps and recommendations for the delivery of quality maternal and newborn health care.



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## *BAMBANTI for Bountiful Isabela*

With “Isabela for the Universe” (Isabela para sa daigdig)” as its theme, Bambanti 2017, started January 22-28, 2017, depicts the blossoming of Isabela as an outstanding province in the Philippines. The celebrations and thanksgiving bring to life the cultural heritage within the province. Other attractions at Bambanti 2017 include ecotourism exhibitions, street dancing performances as well as beauty contests. The Agro-ecotourism booths displayed the local products. Giant scarecrows were built near the booths depicting each LGU’s pride.

Meanwhile, a free medical, dental and surgical mission continues during the week-long Bambanti Festival celebration at the Faustino N. Dy Memorial Hospital servicing the sick Isabeleños, and even at the Bambanti Vilage, Medical Rescue teams were placed to cater to everyone’s emergency medical needs.



Isabeleños line up for the medical-dental surgical mission at GFNDY Memorial Hospital





Pool of Medical Doctors attend to every sick Isabelleños during the week-long Medical-Dental-Surgical Mission



The workforce of the GFNDY Memorial Hospital and IPHO-FHS takes a pose after the successful Medical-dental surgical Mission.



IPHO Field Health Services staff perform their duties for Isabelleños who were suddenly taken ill. Services include blood pressure-taking, dressing of wounds and cuts and taking care of a patient with dizziness.



The IPHO –FHS Medical Rescue Team morning shift stations at the Bambanti Village.