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Isabela bags 2nd Year Local Health System Award of Excellence



The Department of Health develops a system of recognizing efforts of local government units (LGUs)-provincial, city, municipal levels who showed exemplary health practices for the DOH's vision of strengthening health systems towards efficiency and effectiveness of basic health services delivery that contribute largely to attainment of Sustainable Development health-related Goals.

As an Implementing Office at the regional level, the Cagayan Valley-Center for Health Development organized the 2nd Regional Local Health System

Awarding Ceremony last January 28, 2019 at Hotel Carmelita, Tuguegarao City mainly to honor Rural Health Units with remarkable accomplishments and innovative strategies in implementing health programs in their respective areas.

Inspired with the current Administration's unwavering zeal for public service in the area of social development, the Integrated Provincial Health Office once again outshines other provinces in Region 02 as the winner for two (2) consecutive years of the much coveted-award, "Local Health System-Award of Excellence 2018". Beating two other provinces, the Province of Isabela emerged as the top-most winner in 2017 Local Health System Award of Excellence.

Other awards include Purple Ribbon for Family Planning Program, Adolescent Health- Friendly Facility for Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Program and Model GIDA Barangays. There were municipalities in the province who in the same manner were given distinction such as San Mariano, Cabagan, Gamu, Jones, San Mateo, City of Ilagan, Quirino, Angandanan and Divilacan. Winners received trophies and cash rewards during the ceremony.



Municipal Mayors of Isabela join the health workers- MHOs and IPHO team pose for a souvenir shot as they receives the prestigious award from the Asst. Regional Director, Dr. Edward Albano



The Provincial Health Officer I (Field Health Services) and Population Program Officer IV receive the plaque and a cash award for the province



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Hataw Dance Exercise Competition 2018

The leading causes of mortality and morbidity in Isabela are no longer communicable diseases but more chronic, debilitating non-Communicable diseases (NCD). Majority of the leading causes of mortality at present are due to Lifestyle-Related Diseases (LRD). Health statistics show that seven (7) out of the ten (10) deaths in the province of Isabela for the year 2016 and 2017 were caused by Non-Communicable Diseases. Cardiovascular Diseases were the number one cause of mortality, followed by (3) Cancer (all kinds), (4) accidents (all kinds), (5) Hypertension, (6) Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease and (9) renal diseases and (10) asthma.

In Isabela, hypertension was the number one (1) leading Non-Communicable disease Morbidity for the year 2016 and 2017, followed by Diabetes Mellitus and Bronchial Asthma.

Non-Communicable Diseases mostly affects male and female aged 25 years old and above which results in premature death and disability. The burden of this illness is great, yet major risk factors like smoking, physical inactivity and unhealthy diet are preventable and modifiable. To reduce the risk, the Provincial Health Office has come up with PGI HATAW Dance Exercise Dance Competition in order to promote the DOH GO Sigla strategy to eventually reduce Non-communicable diseases.

There were 22 contenders who battle it out at the dance floor for the first-ever PGI Inter-Departmental Hataw Dance Exercise at the Capitol Amphitheater last December 11, 2018.

As health stewards, the IPHO looks forward to the growing number of HATAW Advocates for a healthier ISABELA!



Hon. Vice Governor Antonio Tonypet Albano inspires PGI employees with his remarkable strong message of support to all contenders



Three dynamic leaders of the Provincial Government of Isabela guide all employees during the warm-up exercise



Champion
Milagros Albano District Hospital



3rd place
Isabela Health Care Office



2nd place
GFNDY Memorial Hospital



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Isabela’s Journey towards Dengue Prevention and Control

Since the signing of EO #13 by Governor Faustino G. Dy III, an order declaring August 12, 2013 as a non-working holiday in all public and private offices in Isabela to enable the people to participate in the grand launch of the biggest, most aggressive and most comprehensive campaign against Dengue –Program: “Todas-Dengue, Todo na ‘To’” the conduct of activities are made on a regular basis, and institutionalized all mechanisms essential in building clean, safe and dengue-free communities in the entire province with the full participation of all sectors of the community.

The Integrated Provincial Health Office as the lead Dengue Task Force conducts the “**Dengue Summit 2018, Pangontra sa Pang-Anim na Kagat**” last November 29, 2018 at FLDy Hall, Provincial Capitol. In this activity, it clearly featured every Isabeleño’s thrust: a continuous fight against Dengue Fever affecting the children. Indeed, all sectors in the LGU composed of local chief executives, SP/SB on Health, SK Presidents, LNB Presidents, Municipal Health Officers, Chiefs of Hospitals, DOH-RO II, DepEd and DILG convened to demonstrate unified efforts towards the all-out war against Dengue Fever.

With the practice of the proven methods to control and prevent the transmission of Dengue virus through vector control such as the application of Larvicide in all possible breeding sites of mosquitoes; disposing of solid waste properly and removing artificial man-made habitats; covering, emptying and cleaning of domestic water storage containers on weekly basis; using of personal household protection such as window screens, long sleeved clothes, mosquito repellent and insecticide treated curtains in elementary schools, and active monitoring and surveillance of vectors and intensification of IEC thru *Aksyon Barangay Kontra Dengue (ABKD)* Dengue cases remain a challenge with its fluctuating trend as reported by Disease Reporting Units (DRUs) of the province.

Thus, sustaining the holistic and pro-active attitude in combating this disease must be practiced by heart to keep the zeal from burning and fighting Dengue Fever!



The beloved father of Isabela, Gov. Dy during his inspirational message



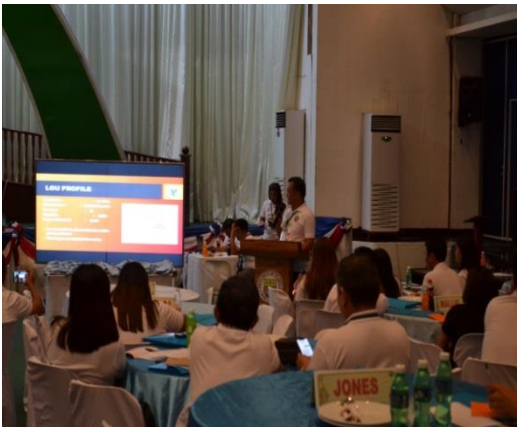
The two (2) Provincial Health Officers, Dr. Paguirigan and Dr. Lazaro join the Provincial Governor, Hon. Bojie G. Dy as he enlightens the audience during the open forum



The DOH Regional Director, Dr. Rio L. Magpantay emphasized the need to become “Warriors” to combat the dreaded effects of Dengue Fever in the entire province



SP, Chairman, Committee on Health, Hon. Fernandez talks about “Role of LGUs in Health Legislation”



Dr. Candido Ragasa, Rural Health Physician from LGU-San Mariano beams with pride with their best practices/innovations to combat Dengue



To seal LGUs’ support, the PHO II leads the Pledge of Commitment wherein all participants actively join



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Isabela joins the nation in Family Planning Celebration

The high unmet need for Family planning (FP) affects virtually all segments of the Isabela populace, regardless of their socio economic level, employment status, or rural-urban residences. Such high unmet needs represent a tremendous opportunity to bring Family Planning education and services to women and men in the places they frequent to.

The month of August of every year has been designated as the National Family Planning month, a celebration that centers on the attainment of a better quality of life for the mother, the father and the family as a whole, with the theme: **“Pamilyang Planado, Panalo! #FPTryMo.”**

To commemorate the event, three (3) municipalities - Cabagan, Roxas and Tumauni were the chosen sites for the conduct of the Family Planning Celebration on the following dates:

Municipality	Date Conducted	Number of Participants		Total Participants
		Women of Reproductive Age (WRA)	RHU Staff	
Cabagan	November 28, 2018	80	20	100
Roxas	December 4, 2018	80	20	100
Tumauni	December 6, 2018	80	20	100
Total Participants		240	60	300

Ms. Mitzi Caramat, Family Planning Program Coordinator of the Provincial Health Office facilitated the lectures on Family Planning Informed Choice and Volunteerism (ICV), Different Family Planning methods and FP Counseling.



The presence of the municipal mayor, Hon. Jonathan “ToteP” Calderon of Roxas surely made the activity more meaningful



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Bantay Buntis sa Bawat Barangay (BBB) 2018-Ikatlong Yugto



Now on its 3rd year of implementation, the Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) conducts” **Bantay Buntis sa Bawat Barangay (BBB)**” in 10 barangays of the Province of Isabela to ensure optimal health of mothers and their newborn since they belong to one of the most vulnerable population as an advocacy strategy of health promotion focused on helping individuals learn and develop healthy practices.

The activity aims to inculcate right knowledge, attitudes and practices for every pregnant woman with the active involvement of their husbands, barangay health workers and member of the community. It aims also to increase their awareness and commitment to promote positive health seeking behaviors.

This activity is a program under Maternal and Child Health and with the integration of other programs like Healthy Lifestyle, Oral Health, Nutrition, Family Planning, TB, and HIV which were also equally important to complete the information they need at their present condition and in the future. Methodology include mini-lectures on Safe Motherhood and Teenage Pregnancy, Proper Nutrition and Good Oral Hygiene, Modern Family Planning Methods and HIV Prevention, interactive Question and Answer, Pledge of Commitment among health workers, pregnant women and barangay leaders.

The outcomes of the activity were as follows:

Date	Municipality	Participants				Total
		Pregnant Women	Women of Reproductive Age	Barangay Officials	Health Workers	
Nov. 7, 2018	Burgos	20	20	13	17	70
Nov. 9, 2018	Echague	45	25	6	19	75
Nov. 13, 2018	Sta. Maria	44	8	6	23	81
Nov. 14, 2018	San Mateo	37	2	9	22	70
Nov. 15, 2018	Quezon	41	5	6	23	72
Nov. 16, 2018	Ramon	43	12	10	10	75
Nov. 20, 2018	Aurora	35	24	6	11	75
Nov. 21, 2018	Reina Mercedes	29	20	11	16	76
Nov. 22, 2018	San Guillermo	34	22	5	5	66
Nov. 23, 2018	Roxas	114	10	3	2	129
Total Number of Participants		442	148	75	148	789



Hon. Jonathan “Tote” Calderon of Roxas giving his warm welcome remarks and message of support to the Bantay Buntis sa Bawat Barangay program

Ms. Patria Bagaoisan, EPI Coordinator discussing the importance of immunizations among pregnant women



Health workers together with the participants and Barangay officials pledge their commitment in support for the welfare of the pregnant women.



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Partnership with “Men in Uniform” for the Medical and Dental Mission

The 86th Infantry (Highlander) Battalion, 5th Infantry Division, Philippine Army, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Isabela conducts the Community Support Program (CSP) in the municipalities of Jones and Echague as part of the thrusts and programs of the National Government through the Philippine Army for Peace and Development in with all the stakeholders in the locality.

As part of the culmination activity of the CSP, residents of the chosen municipalities were the beneficiaries of the Medical and Dental Mission with the Provincial Health Office Team taking the lead in bringing the delivery of basic medical services to the said populace.

The table below shows the constituents served:

Date	Municipality	Type of Health Services	
		Medical	Dental
October 12, 2018	Barangay Minuri, Jones	69	21
October 15, 2018	Barangay Namnama, Jones	132	20
October 17, 2018	Barangay Mabbayad, Echague	206	19
October 19, 2018	Barangay Sinalugan, San Guillermo	114	No Dental Service provided
Total Populace Served		521	60



The Rural Health Physician of PHO examines a patient during the consultation



Crowds of people gather around the admission area at Barangay Mabbayad, Echague



Amidst the dim light, the provincial dentists during tooth extraction at Jones, Isabela



Health workers assess the clients at San Guillermo, Isabela



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Launching of the 1st Teen Parent’s Clinic

The launching of the 1st Teen Parents’ Clinic (TPC) in the region, through the implementation of the Local Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP) as mandated by DOH Administrative Order 2013-0013 in response to the increasing incidence of teenage pregnancy nationwide took place at the Southern Isabela Medical Center last October 10, 2018. It was organized and initiated by partners from the Non-Government Organizations such as LuzonHealth, USAID from the American People and RTI International in coordination with the Department of Health-RO2 and the Provincial Government of Isabela-Provincial Health Office.

The facility shall serve as a venue to cater health services among pregnant teen aged 19 years old and below and services include counseling, proper nutrition, pre-natal, post-natal care , immunization and family planning. This is an advocacy campaign in order to ensure optimum health among the adolescent group wherein pregnancy poses a high risk to their welfare and eventually prevent maternal and infant mortality rates.



A motorcade around town, then a simple opening program by no less than the Chief of the now Southern Isabela Medical Center with partners from the DOH-RHO2, LuzonHealth Program, POPCOM Region 2 and IPHO family Health Cluster Program Coordinators started the event.



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*Pagka-Tagapaglingkod:
A Values Seminar on Being a Public Servant*

Driven to instill and enhance values among PGI employees, the Provincial Human Resource Office spearheaded another values-oriented seminar entitled *Pagka-tagapaglingkod: A Values Seminar on Being a Public Servant* at Balay, Isabela Provincial Capitollast Septmebre 29, 2018.

In this seminar, a total of thirty (30) employees from the Provincial Health Office-Field Health Services were able to listen to the different topics delivered by eloquent speakers. Topics discussed include salient features of EO 292 (Book V) otherwise known as the Revised Administrative code of 1987 where certain rights, function and duties of employees were tackled. In the afternoon session, the Provincial Administrator Atty. Noel Manuel Lopez discussed the Norms of Conduct for Public Servants/ Employees wherein much inspiration was integrated in his lecture.



IPHO- Field Health Services employees enthusiastically listen to all the speakers



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“2018 National Rabies Summit”

To celebrate World Rabies Day, the Department of Health convened all Provincial Health Officers and Program Managers during the conduct of National Rabies Summit held at Blue Leaf Filipinas, Parañaque City last September 27, 2018 with the theme, ***“Rabies Can Be Prevented”. Be a Responsible Pet Owner. “SHARE THE MESSAGE, SAVE A LIFE.”*** The message of the said is loud and clear: that having a pet is like having a child that we should take care of, being responsible for its needs such as vaccination on anti-rabies to protect our family members and others as well.

In addition, best practices and innovations on both human and animal health from other provinces were presented for possible replication. This summit also gives a win-win strategy on how to protect pet-to-human bite to eventually reduce animal bite cases that lead to mortality.

Indeed, the province looks forward to adopt strategies and eventually attain a Rabies-free Isabela!



The PHO II together with DOH OIC



The PHO II and Assistant Rabies Coordinator



DOH Cluster Head takes their picture with DOH Region II Program Managers and Provincial Health Officer.



The Provincial Health Officers together with the DOH Cluster Head



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“Ngiting Matatamis mula sa mga Batang Isabeleno!”

In close partnership with Colgate Philippines, the Provincial Government of Isabela-Provincial Health Office launched a nationwide program called *Philippine Anti-Cavity Campaign* (PACC) last September 24, 2018 that helps promote Oral Health Awareness through proper toothbrushing and fluoride application to prevent the occurrence of tooth decay. As a National Orally Fit Community, LGUs of Alicia and San Mateo supported and implemented the program.

As a result, an evaluation as to implementation and output of PACC was conducted wherein both municipalities were monitored. Set-up of Day Care Centers and activities were observed and fortunately, it was indeed a fruitful event where great collaboration and camaraderie was developed between the Province of Isabela and Public Health Dentists as well. A total of 260 children wear their sweet smiles as they actively joined the noble undertaking.

In finality, LGU of Alicia and San Mateo were grateful to everyone who extended their help during the said activity especially to Colgate Philippines for launching the PACC program.



San Mateo- feeding program before the tooth-brushing drill among preschoolers



The Municipal Dentist of Alicia demonstrates the proper way of tooth-brushing among preschoolers



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“Soaring High for Better Health”

Every year, the entire health system of the Provincial Government of Isabela-Provincial Health Office spearheads the development of Annual Operational Plan (AOP) of DOH which is a local policy instrument that allows the LGUs to state local investment preferences and priority interventions for a particular year based on strategic and medium term proposals enumerated in the Local Investment Plan for Health. It is a yearly interpretation of plans espoused from the Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH) 2017-2019 which shall be institutionalized as the localization tool of national health programs. This was held at St. Giles Hotel, Makati City last September 10-14, 2018.

Attended by DOH-Region 02 program managers, development partners, Provincial Department Heads, Municipal Health Officers from different cities/municipalities and Provincial Health Office Program Managers, the process encourages the active participation of LGUs, their local chief executives, and local health managers for unified efforts and resources towards achieving SDGs and other health reforms.

This is best summarized through the issuance of **DOH Department Order # 0187 s. 2018 on Guidance on the Development of Province/HUC/CC 2019 Annual Operational Plan** – the prescribed matrix, which generally includes all the details such as provincial health status, local priorities/major thrusts, budget requirements, cost matrices and monitoring & evaluation arrangements for the proposed interventions for any given year. It shall also be used to leverage better performance, reduce performance disparity, and increase LGU funding for health.

Through this activity, the Province of Isabela will surely soar into a better state of health since planning will be better synchronized and resource allocation from all sources shall be targeted to produce better local health system performance.



The DOH Regional Director, Dr. Magpantay delivers his inspirational message on internal and external partnership.



Atty. Lopez, Provincial Administrator delivers his message of support to all health stewards



“Unifying efforts for a comprehensive Provincial Health Plan”, as stressed by the Provincial Health Officer II during his



Partnership Pictorial with the DOH RHO2 leaders, Provincial Government Department Heads and Provincial Health Officers and Chiefs of Hospitals



DOH Program Managers listen during the presentation



The AMHOP President, Dr. Buduan shares her insights about program implementation



The MHOs and PGI Department Heads listen while program managers present their annual health plans and PHO II answers some queries



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Dengue Warriors Unite for a Cause



The Provincial Government of Isabela in its continuing stand to combat Dengue Fever through the Provincial Health Office- Field health Services Under the Provincial Health Officer II, Doc. Nelson O. Paguirigan initiated a Dengue Meeting last August 8, 2018 attended by the Municipal Health Officers of Isabela and Chief of Hospitals from the provincially-

maintained hospitals held at Balai, Capitol, Alibagu.

Rainy season has become environmentally suitable for the mosquitos lifecycle, and for Dengue transmission, it is one of the important drivers of current distribution and incidence. This burden continually challenges the Government of Isabela to come up with strategies to halt the expected increase of cases this year. Hopefully with all the activities lined up, a decrease in morbidity and mortality will ensue.

So we enjoin all Isabeleños to work together to fight Dengue!



The PHO II conveys his Welcome Message to all attendees.



The Rural Health Physician of IPHO presents the status of Dengue in Isabela



Municipal Health Officers from all over Isabela avidly listen to the presentations



Provincial Sanitation Engineer shows the proposed Dengue Provincial Composite Team



The Provincial Administrator, Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez, gives his message regarding the upcoming “Todas Dengue, Todo Na ‘To” with IPHO joined by all hospitals taking the lead





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Isabela’s Symbolic Baby turns 4!

The Commission on Population (POPCOM) identified the symbolic babies across the country last July 27, 2014 as a demographic event and an institutional reality-check that the country was then registering a 100-million population record.

The birth of **JC M. Zipagan** of Masipi East, Cabagan Isabela was the Isabela’s symbolic baby and who represented the 100-million population of the country. As he turns four (4) this year, holistic care due him is guided by this year’s theme; **“Sa Ika-apat na taon, Pagtataguyod sa Pangkalahatang Kapakanan ni Baby”**.

On August 8, 2018, a gift giving activity was held as a manifestation of concerted effort and support from the Commission on Population RO II, Department of Health RO II, Provincial Government of Isabela thru the Provincial Health Office and Local Government Unit of Cabagan, Isabela.

Through solicitation from other agencies of the province and private individuals, the following were provided to the baby and his family namely: school supplies, clothing, jerry cans, toilet bowls, mosquito nets and hygiene kits. This yearly gift giving activity ensures the provision of the basic needs of the symbolic child and further to monitor the progress of his growth, well-being and total development.



Different agencies in full force for the 4th birthday of Baby JC



Baby JC receives the basic needs provided by the agencies like clothing, hygiene kits mosquito nets and school supplies



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“Be a Youth Hope, Be a Lodi for an Empowered Adolescent”

Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP) aims to achieve Healthy Development; Healthy Nutrition; Sexual and Reproductive Health; reduction of substance use; reduction of injuries and mortality, morbidity and psychosocial consequences of violence; and mental health. Its vision is Well-informed, empowered, responsible and healthy adolescents who are leaders in society with the mission: To Ensure that all adolescents have access to quality comprehensive health care and services in an adolescent-friendly environment.

The Provincial Health Office staff acted as Resource Persons during the Adolescent Health Symposium held at Barangay Marana 1st, City of Ilagan, Isabela last August 8, 2018. Participants composed of ten (10) schools of RHU II with 10 students per school and one (1) teacher who served as guardian.



The Adolescents of Marana 1st listen to the first speaker of the day



A workshop on identifying Health threats was facilitated by IPHO staff



Visible Advocacy materials on ANTI SMOKING for everyone to see hangs on the venue



The MHO of CHO 2 City of Ilagan awards a Certificate of Appreciation to a Resource Speaker from the Provincial Health Office



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Annual Operational Plan 2019: Initial Review

Annual Operational Plan harmonizes all plans from barangay, city/municipal and provincial levels and is considered a very useful document in guiding our leaders and partners on the priority programs for support. It describes activities and outcomes that we can expect to see and accomplish for the stated year. Hence, a review through plenary presentation within the health system is deemed necessary to reflect program strategies and innovations as well as institute improvements for an enhanced and comprehensive plan.

This undertaking was made possible with the presence of all IPHO Program Coordinators, Chiefs of Hospitals, Administrative Officers and Provincial DOH Office (PDOHO) last August 9, 10 & 23, 2018.

In finality, the development of a doable and realistic health plans were realized which shall be presented before the Provincial Government department heads, development partners, DOH-Regional Office and City/Municipal Health Officers by September.



Program Coordinators of the different health programs present their Annual Operational Plans



The Administrative Officers of the District Hospitals present their initial AOPs in the presence of their Chiefs of Hospitals



Partners from the Provincial Department of Health Office provides feedback and input for the enhancement of each plan



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Farmer’s Congress cum Medical /Dental Mission Team visits Coastal Towns

Municipality	Date of Visit	Health Services Provided		
		Medical	Dental	BRO-LUSOG
Maconacon & Divilacan	July 10-12, 2018	475	29	150
Palanan	July 19-22 , 2018	1,054	105	150
Burgos	July 26, 2018	805	107	100



The PGI leaders together with the Local Government Unit Officials of Maconacon and Divilacan during the opening of the Farmer’s Congress BRO-LUSOG Reloaded



The PHO II of Isabela leads the Chiefs of Hospitals during the joint Farmer’s Congress Medical and Dental Mission at the coastal towns of Maconacon and Divilacan, Isabela



The PHO I attend to a wounded patient at Maconacon, Isabela



The pool of Doctors headed by the PHO II together with the Municipal Health Officers of Maconacon and Divilacan prepare for the noble act as townspeople line up at the venue.



A Dumagat kid being weighed at Palanan, Isabela



BRO-LUSOG corner- a Dumagat mother excitedly feeds her children with Gourmix



Provision of health services through consultation provided by the compassionate doctors of Isabela



The Provincial Nutritionist enlightens people at Burgos, Isabela on the BRO-LUSOG Program



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The Quest for Quality System Management (QMS) Continues

After the implementation of ISO 9001:2008, the Provincial Government of Isabela continues its journey to achieve and sustain excellence in delivering quality public services among all Isabeleños.

The conduct of ISO 9001:2015 INTERNAL QUALITY AUDIT TRAINING last July 18,2018 at Balai, Provincial Capitol marks another commitment for all employees to enhance its current management systems. This was attended by different internal auditors from all offices conducted by Macro Vision Consultancy which underscored that “Auditing is not a failure assessment but rather suitability assessment”. Mainly, ISO 9001:2015 requires that an organization shall conduct internal audits to provide information whether the quality management system conforms to its own requirements, international standards and if it is effectively implemented and maintained. Along with the benefits, types and principles of auditing, it was also emphasized that its focus is the identification of good practices that enhance quality management system and other opportunities for improvement. Lastly, it was highlighted that the success of the auditing program depends significantly upon the qualification and selection of right people for the task.

With this thrust, Isabeleños and external clients shall expect improved public services that will further boost and sustain Isabela’s reputation as the premier province of Region 02!



The consultant from Macro Vision Consultancy delivers his inputs on auditing to the selected participants of the Provincial Government



The participants during the exam to qualify as Internal Auditors of ISO 2001:2015



IPHIO participants pose with the consultant of Macro Vision Consultancy



Group of would-be –auditors join together for the souvenir shot after the training



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San Mariano’s Botika ng Bayan - Isabela’s Pride in the entire Region!



The Department of Health (DOH) Region II opens the first ever **Botika ng Bayan** (BnB) nationwide at the Rural Health Unit in San Mariano, Isabela last July 13, 2018 to ensure that residents have better access to quality and affordable medicines. **Usec. Rolando Enrique D. Domingo**, DOH Undersecretary of Health, Health Regulation Cluster delighted the event as the Guest of Honor together with Dir. Rio L. Magpantay, DOH Regional Director-RO II. The Provincial Health Office headed by Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan and his team was equally proud to have chosen Isabela as the pilot province for the renewed DOH project.

The Botika ng Bayan was launched in 2004 during the administration of former President Gloria Macapal-Arroyo and in 2011 the government issued a temporary postponement on the project. Now the health agency revives the **Botika ng Bayan Program** per **Presidential Directive 2016-0186** which aims to promote equity in health by ensuring the availability of affordable, safe and effective, quality, essential drugs to all.

Needless to say that it is indeed ISABELA’s pride to have the BnB in San Mariano, Isabela , one of the Geographically, Isolated and Depressed Areas (GIDAs) in entire Luzon which is expected to serve the community, most especially the marginalized, poor and vulnerable Isabeleños.



DOH USec ROLANDO ENRIQUE D. DOMINGO conveys his message to the townspeople of San Mariano.



DOH Central Office USec, DOH RHO II Partners, Isabela PHO I & II and the Municipal Health Officer of San Mariano pose in for the momentous event



DOH dignitaries sign the MOA as the LGU officials look on

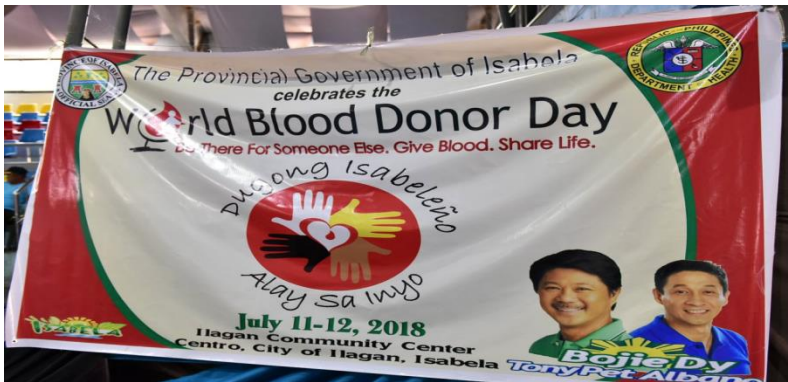


The set-up of the first ever nationwide, Botikang Bayan in San Mariano, Isabela



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“DUGONG ISABELEÑO, ALAY SA INYO”



In celebration of the *World Blood Donor Day* and *National Blood Donor’s Month*, the Isabela Provincial Health Office-Field Health Services in cooperation with the DOH Regional Office 02, Northern Blood Services and Southern Blood Services Zone conduct simultaneous activities participated by various institutions and organizations under the Blood Services Network.

This year’s campaign features blood donation as an act of solidarity and highlights human values of altruism, respect, empathy and kindness which sustain voluntary unpaid blood donation system. The slogan for 2018 campaign is “*Be there for someone else, Give Blood, Share Life*” with local adaptation of the province’s, “*Dugong Isabeleno , Alay sa Inyo.*”

Out of the 36 municipalities, 23 municipalities actively participated in the said event and among the 23 municipalities, the municipality of GAMU garnered the highest number of donors followed by the municipality of Delfin Albano and Naguilan.

The adage, “**Charity begins at Home**” holds true as Isabelenos join hands to collect the 265 bags of fresh blood ready for those in need in the future to preserve their precious lives.



To raise public awareness and participation to voluntary blood donation, a motorcade around the town was conducted to jumpstart the Blood Olympics activity



The kind-hearted donors all over the province during the actual blood collection



The Asst. Blood Service Program Coordinator of the province acts as moderator during the Open Forum



The great health stewards composed of DOH Usec. Domingo, DOH-RO II, RD Magpantay, Asst. RD Albano and Provincial Health Office, Dr.Paguirigan and Dr. Lazaro award the “Most Number of Blood Donors” to the municipality of Gamu during the culminating activity.





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NAGKAKAISANG ISABELENOS PARA SA MALUSOG NA ISABELA!

As a dynamic partner in health, the Department of Health-Regional Office 02 once again dedicated a day to the Province of Isabela with the conduct of a Consultative Meeting last May 10, 2018 at Piazza Zicarelli Hotel & Restaurant, Gamu, Isabela. It mainly aims to enhance the operation and organization of Service Delivery Networks (SDN), Local Health System (LHS) Guidelines and Establishment of the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) I Support in Local Health System Development.

Fundamental to Service Delivery Network is the accessibility of different levels of care to every client and the functionality of health facilities in terms of infrastructure and equipment, medicines and competent health care workers from both public and private facilities. It involves integrated and complementary health services based on a Primary Health Care approach through strong gatekeeping and multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary, and coordinated service provision, delivered through respectful, equitable and community-centered care. As to Administrative Order # 185 s. 2004, the Health Situation in GIDA areas is generally characterized by high morbidity and mortality, lack of health facilities and low logistical support resulting to poor access and delivery of quality health services. Hence there is a great need to invest LGU resources to improve current health status and achieve better outcomes especially among the poor and underserved population groups.

With the enthusiasm and joint effort of the Provincial Health Office team and different Municipal Health Officers, such noble vision will be realized to position Isabela as excellent health province of Cagayan Valley !



The PHO II as he delivers his opening message to the participants



The PHO I for Field Health Services discusses the organized PHO Technical Management Units



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“Hataw na ISABELA!”

As stewards of the entire health system, health workers of the Provincial Health Office- Field Health Services led a dance activity called **HATAW EXERCISE**, an advocacy campaign of the Provincial Government of Isabela to help combat incidence of non-communicable diseases and promote healthy lifestyle among the entire workforce.

This initiative is in support to the Pilipinas Go 4 Health Movement, which entails four (4) strategies: GO SIGLA, GO SUSTANSIYA, GO SMOKE-FREE and GO SLOW SA TAGAY as well as a response to the National Nutrition Council’s (NNC) call to create massive public awareness on the importance of attaining normal body mass index.

Coupled with this active physical work-out conducted every Monday is a religious weight monitoring of all employees of offices to keep track of individual weight based on body mass index with the categories: underweight, normal, overweight, or obese. This weight-taking is done twice a week (Monday & Friday) for purposes of monitoring program success for a healthier fitness / wellness Intervention program towards optimum health.

Now on its fifth (5th) week of implementation, the Provincial Government of Isabela strongly commits to deliver excellent public service delivered by physically fit workforce.



The Provincial Administrator fully encourages PGI employees to join for a healthier lifestyle!



Both PHO II and PHO I together with the different head of offices join the PGI employees in performing the hataw moves!



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“Service for all ISABELENOS”

The Provincial Government of Isabela under the excellent leadership of Gov. Faustino “Bojie” G. Dy III and Vice-Governor Antonio “Tony Pet” T. Albano spearheaded **“FARMERS CONGRESS-RELOADED” cum Medical/Dental Mission** intended for the people of Isabela . In keeping with its mission of providing the best quality of life to every Isabeleño thru various programs, projects and innovations addressed specifically to the marginalized citizenry of the province most particularly our farmers, this noble endeavor continues to be a big success.

As a proof, the table below reflects the number of recipients from the health services unselfishly rendered for the following municipalities for the whole month of April.

Municipality	Health Services Provided		
	Medical	Dental	BRO-LUSOG
Aurora-April 13	341	51	202
Quezon-April 19	334	39	125
San Pablo-April 24	650	180	68



A Nutritionist enlightens everyone about the BRO-LUSOG program of the Provincial Government of Isabela at Quezon, Isabela



Nurses assist in admitting constituents of San Pablo, Isabela



Pool of doctors attend to the medical needs of patients from Aurora, Isabela



Weighing of a young child as part of the BRO-LUSOG Program of the Provincial Government



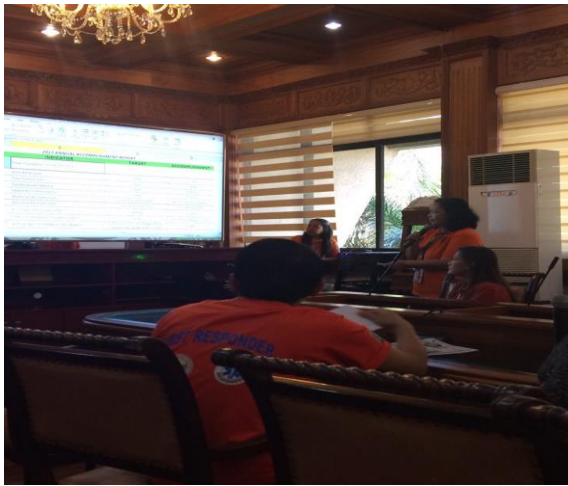
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1st Quarter Provincial Local Health Board (PLHB) Meeting

Venue: Governor’s Office Mini Conference Hall

As the Provincial Health Office continues to attain “Better Health for all Isabelenos”, a meeting was organized to jumpstart the year with plans and strategies towards implementation of different health programs. The members of the newly-re organized health board committee headed by the Provincial Governor convened once again LAST March 20, 2018 to discuss relevant matters that will contribute towards realization of the province’s health vision and mission.



The Rural Health Physician presents the 2017 Annual Accomplishment Report of the Provincial Health Office



The program manager of Maternal & Newborn Health presented a 2D Infomercial for advocacy use



The Provincial Administrator talked about creation of composite team during incidence of dengue outbreak in the province.



The DMO V of the DOH RO2 explains the draft EO on Creating a Provincial Implementation Team (PIT) for RA 10354



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Accessible & Quality Medical Service

The success of **"FARMERS CONGRESS-RELOADED" cum Medical/Dental Mission** continues as the table below reflects the number of recipients from the health services unselfishly provided by health workers at San Isidro and Mateo, Isabela :

Municipality	Health Services Provided		
	Medical	Dental	BRO-LUSOG
San Isidro-Feb.28	700	65	144
San Mateo-March15	962	135	105



The aerial view of the crowd of people who gather for the Farmer's Congress Reloaded



Dentists at work inside the mobile Dental Health Bus.



A young mother feeds her children with Gourmix at the BRO-LUSOG booth



Young and old line up for free medicine after medical consultations



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*“Ngipin ay alagaan mula sa sinapupunan para sa
magandang ngiti hanggang katandaan”*

The Provincial Health Office staff headed by Dr. Elena Buduan and Dr. Arsen Benozza together with the different Municipal Dentists of Isabela spearheaded the 14th year National Dental Health Month with the theme “Ngiping Inaruga Mula Pagkabata, Malusog na Ngiti Baon sa Pagtanda in the province of Isabela.

The objective of the event is to increase the oral health awareness of caregivers to children with special health care needs, new mothers and mothers-to be, and children

The program is jam-packed with pocketful lectures about the care for the teeth, oral hygiene for the kids. Aside from lectures they also give fluoride application to all Daycare pupils.

The activity is expected to carry out for the whole province in the next months.

The table below shows the total beneficiaries of the month-long activity.

DATE	MUNICIPALITY	DAYCARE PUPIL SERVED
February 8, 2018	Cordon	520
12	Kabayan Grill, Cauayan City, Isabela	Provincial and hosp. Dentist 1st Quarter Meeting
13	San Mateo	750
14	Quirino	500
15	San Guillermo	450
19	Cauayan City	812
20	Jones	450
21	San Agustin	500 + 200 all ages extraction
22	San Isidro	510
23	Mallig	400 + 100 all ages extraction
26	Alicia	900
27	Delfin Albano	462
28	Luna	320
	TOTAL	6,574+200 all ages extraction



Jones – Toothbrushing drill



Cauayan City- Provincial Dentist II Dr. Arsen Benozza speaks about the National Dental Health Month activities before Cauayan townsfolk during their flag-raising ceremony



Quirino- February 14, 2018



San Guillermo- February 15



February 13 San Mateo- Health workers don their own mascots during the kick-off



Cordon February 8- Fluoride application among day care pupils



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“Heart Month: Mahalin Ang Pusong Nagmamahal”

To reduce the risk of developing non-communicable diseases, the Provincial Health Office has come up with the HATAW Dance Competition last February 20, 2018 in order to promote the Go Sigla strategy to reduce NCDs and at the same time compete and will represent the province in the upcoming Regional HATAW Dance Competition.

This was participated by thirteen (13) contenders from the municipalities of: Luna, Delfin Albano, Benito Soliven, San Mariano, Jones, Cauayan City, City of Ilagan, Echague, Naguilian, San Isidro, Cabagan, Mallig and San Mateo. Each municipality showcased their prowess in doing the HATAW moves. The CHAMPION goes to the City of Ilagan, 1st place was Cauayan City and the 2nd place, Jones. They are all expected to compete at the HATAW Dance Regional level on March 7, 2018.

The HATAW Dance Competition’s theme is dubbed: **“MAHALIN ANG PUSONG NAGMAMAHAL: MAG HEALTHY LIFESTYLE NA!”** which aims to increase the awareness of people in the prevention and control of the four (4) major Non-Communicable Diseases or Lifestyle-related Diseases namely: cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus, cancer of all forms, Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases through physical activity. Specifically, it aims to:

- ✓ Promote Physical activity as one of the major strategies in promoting healthy lifestyle
- ✓ To improve psychological well-being, including gaining more self-confidence and higher self-esteem
- ✓ To gather support from local government unit, different line agencies, and other stakeholders on the advocacy of healthy lifestyle
- ✓ To select entries for the Regional HATAW Dance Competition



The Provincial Administrator, the SP on Health and the Provincial Health Officer II give their all-out support to the conduct of the HATAW activity

The Board of Judges excitedly smile at the camera during the HATAW launching.





The AMHOP of Isabela shows support to the dancer as they themselves participate in the HATAW dance



The Lucky three, who are set to compete on the Regional Level HATAW DANCE COMPETITION on March 7, 2018 at Tuguegarao City (from left) 3rd place-Jones, 2nd place Cauayan City



The CHAMPION for the Hataw Dance Competition - City of Ilagan!



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“Making Ideas Happen”



Informative and accessible monitoring of data plays a vital role in planning, implementing, development and maintenance of health programs. Through the years, one of the activities of monitoring data is Program Implementation Review which has emerged to be an important factor in the improvement of health services.

The 2-day Program Implementation Review last February 8-9, 2018 is needed to verify whether programs, projects and activities have been implemented as planned to ensure accountability, detect any problems or constraints and to provide feedback, take remedial measures, and formulate strategies for future action.

The general objective of the Program Implementation Review is to assess the scope and extent of the different health programs at the provincial level and address difficulties encountered in implementation.



The DOH Team joins the IPHO during the Program Implementation Review



Plenary presentation of accomplishments by different program managers- Infectious Cluster