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PROVINCE OF ISABELA
Office of the Provincial Health Officer II

Significant Accomplishments of Field Health Services

“LGU Project Orientation and Planning (AIDERS) Workshop”

*Hotel Roma, Tuguegarao City
July 18, 2014*

The LGU Project Orientation and Planning Workshop for **Accelerating Implementation of DOTS Enhancement to Reach Special Population (AIDERS)** were held at The Hotel Roma, Tuguegarao City last July 18, 2014. It was a region wide activity; the Province of Isabela was represented by Provincial NTP Coordinator, Rowena Nuesa and the Provincial NTP Medical Technologies. Coordinator, **Agnes Lelina**, the said activity was funded by the Global Fund New Funding Model (GF-NFM) through the PBSP.

The recent 2013 **DOH Joint Program Review (JPR)** has identified lack of manpower to support local DOTS implementation among populations that lack access to DOTS services in rural and urban poor population- as one of the factors for low program performance hence the AIDERS staff will be deployed to poor municipalities and cities to help augment the need for additional health personnel and improve DOTS implementation.

In the province of Isabela there were 8 municipalities who were recipient of this program, namely; Naguilian, Benito Soliven, Sto. Tomas, San Pablo, Echague, San Isidro, Roxas and Burgos. The objective of this program is to organize, capacitate, and deploy AIDERS and assist the LGU in enhancing DOTS Services among selected municipalities with GIDA and on vulnerable populations..

TB education, TB service delivery such as case finding, patient’s management, tracing of patient’s lost to follow-up, and MDR referrals and RHU staff augmentation for other health services were the identified tasks of the AIDERS deployed in selected municipalities in Isabela. The AIDERS will stay in the assigned municipality for the period of 2 years from July 2014 to July 2016. The Global Fund New Funding Model (GF-NFM) through the PBSP will shoulder the AIDERS salary for the period of 2 years.



Regional and Provincial NTP Coordinators



Workshop Proper

“Kamusta na ang Kalusugan Pangkalahatan (KP)?”

Sta. Maria, Isabela

July 17-18, 2014

Sta. Maria, Isabela – Guided principally by the mandates of the current administration on *Achieving Universal Care for all Filipinos* or “*Kalusugan Pangkalahatan (KP)*”, the DOH Regional Office joined by the PHO technical team sustained its sterling dedication to attain the three strategic thrusts: financial risk protection, improved access to quality hospitals and attainment of health-related Millennium Development Goals as they visited selected municipalities of Isabela during the Assessment of **Community Health Team (CHT) Operations**”.

This noble flagship program of the DOH deliberately focuses among the poor and underserved families identified by DSWD through the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) to ensure that nobody is left behind on matters concerning health since this is a fundamental right. Furthermore, health surveys reveal that the poor are the ones with high health care service utilization gaps related to MDGs. One of the enabling mechanisms identified to support the KP undertaking is the deployment and active mobilization of Community Health Teams (CHTs) in every barangay composed of barangay health workers, barangay nutrition scholars and parent leaders who are expected to provide direct assistance to underserved families by helping them navigate to the appropriate health facilities to maintain optimum level of health condition. It is strongly believed that CHTs shall transform health needs of the poor into effective demand for Millennium Development Goal health services for successful local KP implementation.

It aims to measure the extent and implementation status of KP specifically on Family Planning , Maternal Newborn Child Health and Nutrition(MNCHN) and TB programs using guide questions pertaining to accomplishments of CHTs in terms of providing navigational assistance based on the seven major steps in the CHT process such as household profiling, Orientation to the Family Health Guide, Household risk assessment, delivering key health messages, health plan development, monitoring health plan adherence and reporting summaries of health information.



Ms. Rhodora Santos, MCH Coordinator and Mr. Ignacio Paguigan, HEPO II both from the PHO conduct the interview to a CHT partner and one family using the KP assessment tools reflecting the CHT roles and accomplishment of Health Used Plans (HUPs) held at Barangay Villa Buena, Sta. Maria, Isabela.



Taken at BHS-Villa Buena, Sta. Maria while Ms. Ana Racimo and Ms. Elsie de Yro both Development Management Officers from DOH-RO II interview 3 families on KP process.



A sample work in progress made by the deployed Nurses from DOH posted at the Barangay Health Station of Villa Buena, Sta. Maria.



KP Power-House Cast composed of the masters (DOH), motivators (RHU staff and deployed Nurses from DOH) and most importantly, the superstars-poor families display their full support and satisfaction to the goals of KP.

Feedbacking led by Dr. Roneley Nahuyan together with the RHU Staff.



“Investing in Young People”

Delfin Albano, Isabela

July 23, 2014

In line with the celebration of Nutrition Month and World Population Day through the initiative of the Local Government Unit of Delfin Albano under the leadership of Hon. Thomas A. Pua Jr. and in partnership with Isabela Provincial Health Office, both conducted an interactive symposium on *“Teenage Advocacy”* last July 23, 2014 held at Ragan Sur National High School. An overwhelming 268 students attended the said activity composed of Grades 9 to 10 students.

This activity aims to help the youngsters become aware of real life situations which can be avoided by identifying the risk behaviors that will somehow contribute to unhealthy effects such as teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. In addition to this, a group counseling to safeguard the rights of adolescents was conducted which further encouraged them to work on their future. The national and local situation of the incidence of teenage pregnancy was also presented and this serves as an eye opener for them to be more watchful with their actions as they belong to the high risk groups engaging in immature relationship and early pregnancy.

All students were so attentive during the discussion, thus some queries were raised and it was well responded by the group with the support of some of the school personnel. For a more effective conduct, the activity ended with a jingle entitled *“Hamon sa Kabataan”*, derived from the Population Commission Office wherein they are expected to be more enlightened on the challenges that lies ahead for their generation.

The LGU of Delfin Albano expresses their sincerest gratitude to the Provincial Health Office for the successful implementation of this activity as this may serve as an initial step for more upcoming health awareness activities.





“Hamon sa Kabataan” jingle was sung jointly by the students and the facilitators.

“Handog Pagmamahal para sa mga Isabeleños”

Farmer’s Congress cum Medical/Surgical and Dental Mission

Cabatuan, Isabela

July 18, 2014

The untiring initiative and zeal in providing optimal health care to the people of Cabatuan was highly evident at the recently held *Farmer’s Congress* last July 18, 2014 under the leadership of Governor Faustino G. Dy III and Vice-Governor Antonio T. Albano, together with various government organizations. The Provincial Health Office- Field Health Services under the headship of Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano PHO II and Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro PHO I enthusiastically participated in this event and catered for 568 Medical clients, 61 with Dental concerns and 11 units of blood collected.

The purpose of this medical mission is to promote and organize visiting programs of health care professionals and to achieve long term and self-sustaining healthy communities, where extreme poverty and lack of basic healthcare and education are some pressing issues. However we believe that preventive and promotive care will be a great advantage of a community to withstand the pains brought about by illnesses.





Our PHO Nurses and RHU Staff are working together and giving their precious time to help our fellow Isabeleños.



Isabeleño donors selflessly share their blood with the help of GFNDYSMH staff.



IPHO dentists perform tooth extraction to our fellow Isabeleños.



Doctors from different Hospitals headed by Dr. Oscar Caballero examine and prescribe medicines to their constituents from the municipality of Cabatuan.



Dispensing of free medicines by the pharmacists from CDH.