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Salient Activities of Field Health Services

Isabela Attends Governor's Forum on Tuberculosis Control Programs And Launching of *Ligtas na Pamilyang Pilipino Laban sa TB* March 12, 2014

Heritage Hotel, Pasay City - The League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) together with the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Innovations and Multisectoral Partnerships to Achieve Control of Tuberculosis Project (IMPACT) conducted a Governor's Forum on Tuberculosis Control with the launching of the *Ligtas na Pamilyang Pilipino (LPP) Laban sa TB* as one of the major health programs of the league on March 12, 2014 at the Amorsolo Function Room of Heritage Hotel, Pasay City.

In this one day forum, the governors of the 32 provinces considered as pilot areas of the IMPACT project, were invited. Governor Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., LPP National President, spearheaded the meeting with the launching of the League's *Ligtas na Pamilyang Pilipino (LPP) Laban sa TB* to augment local TB programs. Representing some governors were their vice governors, *sangguniang panlalawigans* and/or their provincial health officers. Isabela as one of the demo sites in these pilot areas was ably represented by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, the Provincial Health Officer II.

This forum was conducted in recognition of the strengths and potentials of the LGU Leagues in ensuring LGU support for the Philippine Plan of Action to Control Tuberculosis (PhilPACT). Governor Umali stated that the governors must lead in enhancing the province's participation with the TB control program. He enjoins them to approve and implement local policies and budget in support to TB control programs as organized by the PHOs and NTP core. Likewise, the governors must lead in the formation and institutionalization of multisectoral stakeholder alliances to assist in TB programs. As Governor Umali has stressed, only the governors can galvanize the stakeholders!

The role of LGUs with the IMPACT project in relationship with PhilPACT was explained as well as the leveraging of PhilHealth resources for local TB control programs. Interesting questions from concerned participants were competently answered. The provinces of Bohol and Pangasinan likewise shared with the group their respective best

practices in TB control. The day's event was highlighted with everybody present signing the Governors' Manifesto of Support for Local TB Control Program Implementation.



Governor Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., LPP National President, inspires the audience on TB control with the launching of the League's *Ligtas na Pamilyang Pilipino (LPP) Laban sa TB*



Dr. Rita Mariano of Isabela pays attention to the different speakers as the influence of the LGU is emphasized in TB management



Gov. Umali listens avidly as Dr. Rita Mariano asks about the benefits that the BHWs and other TB treatment partners get.



The different governors present affixed their signatures in their "Pledge of Commitment Towards A TB-Free Philippines".
Dr. Rita Mariano, PHO II of Isabela signed for Gov. Bojie G. Dy.

“Bulletin for TEEN Isabeleños”

March 11, 2014

Provincial Capitol, Ilagan City, Isabela- The 2013 Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Survey (YAFFS) reveal an alarming increase in the incidence of teenage pregnancy in Region 2 from 11.2 % last 2011 to 18.1% as presented by the Commission on Population(POPCOM). In the province of Isabela, data from the different municipalities show a 14% incidence of pregnancy among the young Isabeleños, which will possibly result to health complications and unfavorable socio-economic conditions.

As a manifestation of the strong commitment of the Provincial Government of Isabela pertaining to this pressing issue, Hon. Faustino G. Dy , III, Provincial Governor and Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez, Provincial Administrator delegated the Provincial Health Office to convene a group of stakeholders dedicated to the integral development of the youth. An avenue thru a meeting was called to present the plan to organize an advocacy program in selected secondary schools aimed at increasing awareness among the youth on the effects of early pregnancy and childbirth.

The six secondary schools were selected on the basis of their locations in municipalities with high incidence of teenage pregnancies namely Tumauni National High School, Roxas National High School, San Mateo Vocational and Industrial School, Echague National High School, Cauayan National High School and Isabela National High School.

Presided by Atty. Lopez, the assembly was attended by 45 participants composed of DEPED officials and principals, Information Officer of POPCOM-Region 2, Chiefs of Hospitals from district hospitals, City/Municipal Population and Health Officers, development partners from USAID-LuzonHealth and PHO technical team.

“This is just an initial activity that the province is committed to conduct, and the best strategy to address the issue affecting the youth is through **education** rather than building infrastructure projects”, said Atty. Lopez , the Provincial Administrator. He further stressed that “We have to converge now and do something than to suffer the effects of this issue in the future”.

The forum ended with much gratitude from the education sector as they are the primary agency tasked to safeguard the welfare and total transformation of the youth during their educative years.

All principals vowed to unselfishly cooperate during the actual conduct of the advocacy campaign by confirming the dates of their respective schools.



The “Think tanks” of the activity: Representing the Governor is Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez, Provincial Administrator as he presides the meeting with all stakeholders together with the Provincial Health Officers –Dr. Rosa Rita Mariano and Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro .



Participants from the DepEd – Ms. Emilia Estudillo representing the Division Office of Isabela and different school principals.



Mr.Lauris Anudon from USAID-LuzonHealth, beside him are Ms. Soriano from POPCOM-Regional Office,Ms. Fabros, Mun. Population Officer(MPO)of LGU- San Mateo and Ms. Almachar,MPO of Ilagan City.



From the PHO –Field health Personnel and Chiefs of Hospital-Dr.Paguirigan of MARDH and Dr. Caballero of CDH.



“Shy Away from Teenage Crisis, Lead the Way for Teenage Campaign!”

March 11-13,2014

Provincial Health Office, Ilagan City,Isabela- The famous acronym of TEAM is "Together Everyone Achieves More" is very true and demonstrated by the efforts and results of Teamwork. This is highly evident not only during the forum held last March 7, 2014 where different agencies pledged their utmost support but also during the scheduled dates when the noble idea has come to fruition.

Believing strongly with the theme ***“True Love Waits.....Ang Pag-aaral ay para sa Hinaharap, Huwag Ipagpalit sa Sandaling Sarap. TOGA MUNA BAGO TRAHE DE BODA”***, the Provincial Government of Isabela headed by Governor Bojie Dy and Vice-Governor Tonypet Albano took a gallant stance as they empowered the Provincial Health Office to conduct an advocacy campaign entitled **“Adolescent Health and Youth Development ”**. This drive generally aims to promote healthy lifestyle and responsible sexuality among the youth, thereby assisting them to eventually avoid early sexual engagement, teenage pregnancy, risky behaviors and other psycho-social concerns. Aside from the 3rd and 4th year students, it was actively participated by principals, guidance counselors, peer teen leaders, LGU officials and RHU personnel.

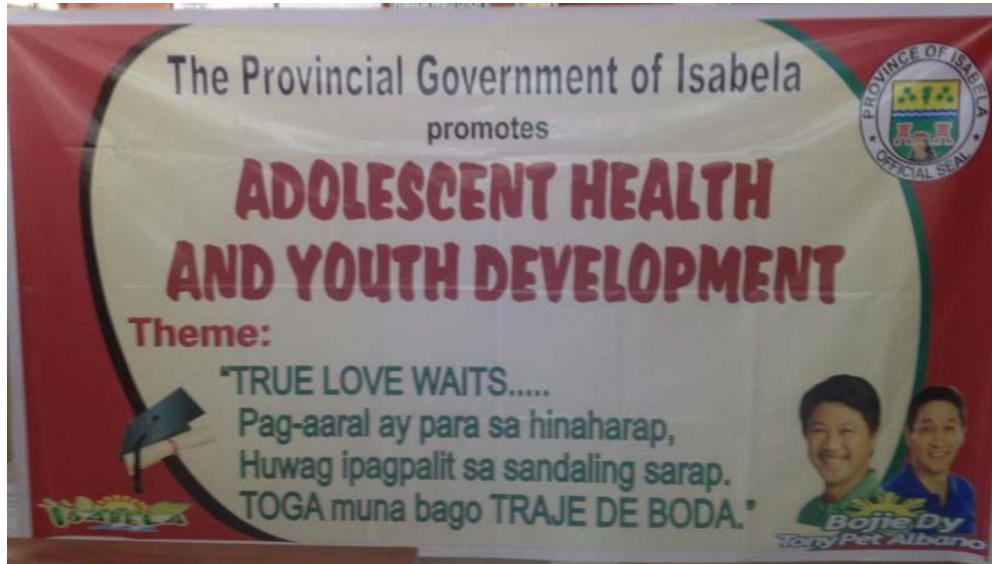
For a more effective conduct, different advocacy strategies such as interactive lecture-discussion, *“Batang Ama, Batang Ina”* video presentation and distribution of information, education, communication(IEC) materials in the form of leaflets and fans bearing the theme were utilized by the six (6) teams organized by the public health enthusiasts - Dr.Rosa Rita B. Mariano and Dr. Arlene Lazaro.

Echague National High School Principal, Emilia Respicio, Ph.D. said during her opening message “This is a timely program for the youth and we hope that as students coming from the different barangays of Echague, you will adhere to the lectures and become effective advocates for the others”.

On the other hand, in a casual interview with two student leaders of Echague National High School commented on the impact of the activity, “It opened our minds on how to take care of ourselves for a better future and also enlightened us about the effects of entering into a serious, immature relationship and early pregnancy.”

Meanwhile, take a glimpse of these groups of excited “Kabataans” in their schools! and coming up next week are two more schools For more photos , please keep posted, fellow Isabelenos!

Cauayan National High School:
March 12, 2014



A sample of the advocacy campaign posted in all 6 selected secondary schools to serve as constant reminder to all teenagers!



The principal Mr. John Mina, gives his opening remarks to a group of 1,350 attentive students



Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro PHO I and team leader delivers her lecture on Adolescent Health and Youth Development to help the youth gain more knowledge on better understanding of themselves



Members of the team namely Ms. Agnes Lelina and Ms. Michelle Pardo give the students pieces of information on "Understanding Sexual Orientation and "Dating".



Edwin R Melad Jr. from PHO gives a bird's eye view on " Marriage and Pregnancy"

**Isabela National High School :
March 12,2014**



**The team led by Ms. Arlene Martinez, Ms. Kay Martin, Ms. Victoria Ocampo ,
Mr. Arnel Noriega present to the audience at INHS a lecture full of life and fun.**



The PHO team and INHS staff at the end of the activity. A total of 1,350 students and teachers joined this teen campaign.



The whole studentry of Isabela National High School

Echague National High School
March 12, 2014



Dr. Benoza, leader of the team with Ms. Bagaioan, Ms. Santos, Ms. De Guzman deliver the topics with much interaction from 630 students.



The teaching staff and administration of Echague National High School and the PHO team.



Dr. Benzoza , Ms. Santos and Dr. Respicio ,the principal of Echague National High School distribute fan and leaflets to students.

San Mateo Vocational and Industrial High School
March 13, 2014



The team leader Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro and Ms. Elena Ramones together with the Municipal Health Officer Dr. Mark Lester Acosta , Mr. Rodelio L. Pinugu, the school principal and the Staff of RHU San Mateo. Other members of the PHO team are Mr.Edwin Melad and Ms. Kay Gumpal





Mayor Cristina R. Agcaoili highlights the event with her surprise arrival joined by Dr. Arlene Lazaro and Dr. Mark Acosta.



The interested students during the open forum where questions were raised. A parent leader (clad in orange shirt) also participates.

“Ideal Feeding Practices for Infants”

March 3-7, 2014

Monte Carlo Hotel, Santiago City, -In partnership with National Nutrition Council(NNC)-Region 2 and the Provincial Government of Isabela thru the Provincial Health Office continue to uphold its dedication to train the Barangay Health Workers in delivering key health messages in the grassroots.

The recently concluded Promote Good Nutrition- Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) training for Echague, Isabela (3rd Batch) was conducted from March 3-7, 2013 comprising of twenty-nine (29) participants was a blast! . In addition to barangay health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, parent leaders and some Barangay Officials also joined. All of which enjoyed the practical sessions and field practicum and activities.

After completing this course, participants are expected to counsel and support mothers to carry out WHO recommended feeding practices for their infants and young Children from birth up to 24 months of age. Methodologies applied by PHO and MLGU facilitators include classroom instruction and practicum sessions wherein participants demonstrated their gained knowledge and skills.

For the early part of this year, Echague group was able to train a total of 37.5% in 25 barangays and yet, 40 barangays are still to be trained. Schedules are yet to be set to complete it.



The participants and the trainers with the Municipal Health Officer Dr. Jacqueline Buduan and RHU staff.



Ms. Caramat from PHO delivers the session on” Building Confidence and Listening Skills” to the audience.



During the practicum of participants where they have to conduct an interview to a mother on feeding practices

“Go,Go, Go Juana !”

March 12, 2014

Amphitheater Hall , Provincial Capitol,Ilagan Isabela –The whole nation is celebrating Women’s Month every March as a recognition of their vital roles in our society. In the ancient times, they are simply followers of men in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities. But in the modern days, women assume more challenging and varied roles which increase their capabilities to be empowered.

Guided by this principle, the Provincial Government of Isabela commemorates **Women’s Month Celebration with the theme, “Juana, ang Tatag Mo ay Tatag Natin sa Pagbangon at Pagsulong,”** honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and drive of women who have demonstrated their character, courage and commitment as mothers, educators, leaders and as members of the society. To add glitter to this momentous affair, the PHO and PSWD staff led the “Hataw Sayaw”, a dance-exercise to promote physical and psychological health to all women.

Let the fun begin!





The First Lady of our beloved Governor, Mrs. Mary Ann Arcega-Dy, leads with gusto the “Hataw Sayaw” during the 2014 Women’s Month Celebration. The IGLO ladies and the rest of the crowd funnily followed.



Isabela Provincial Health Office- Field Health Services Staff together with Provincial Social and Welfare Development Staff leading the “HATAW SAYAW” as a way to enhance women’s general health.

“ Handog Pagmamahal para sa mga Isabeleños”

March 11, 2014

Cultural and Sports Center, Delfin Albano - The goal of every medical mission is to provide optimal care to a large number of underserved individuals and their families with a team of highly trained medical professionals and volunteers. It is a bold, effective approach to charity coupled with great social concern for the welfare of all Isabeleños.

As clearly emphasized during the 2nd term of Hon. Governor Bojie G. Dy, III and Vice-Governor Tony pet T. Albano, health is one of their administration's flagship programs. The Provincial Health office once again embraced programs and projects which lead to the success of whatever health initiatives envisioned by the two frontrunners of our great province.

Aside from the medical care service provision, blood donation was also conducted to create public consciousness on the importance of blood donation in saving millions of lives, guarantee sufficient supply of safe blood in the province and eventually meet national blood necessities.

The medical team successfully conducted this humanitarian act as they were able to attend to 238 patients with medical cases, 69 patients with pediatric cases, 85 patients with Dental and tooth extraction cases and 13 units of blood collected from kind donors.





A glance at the site of the Medical Mission where patients wait for their turn to seek medical care.



Dr. Elena Buduan from PHO performs oral examination