



Republic of the Philippines  
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### Significant Accomplishments of Field Health Services

#### **Enhanced Private-Public Partnership (PPP) in Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program**

March 12-14, 2014

Provincial Health Office, Ilagan City, Isabela - As stipulated in the National Objectives for Health 2011-2016 which underscores the overall goal that morbidity and mortality from tuberculosis be reduced, the Provincial Health Office (PHO) – National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) Core team ardently worked with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), to help the gigantic vision become a reality through a project called *Innovations and Multisectoral Partnerships To Achieve Control of TB* (IMPACT). Miss Analyn Teodoro of IMPACT project joined the PHO to conduct monitoring in the different RHU's in Isabela specifically Cordon, Echague, Aurora, San Manuel, Roxas, Mallig and Quezon.

The purpose of the of this undertaking is to monitor and evaluate health system performance as to program implementation covering the areas of service delivery which includes inventory of TB drugs, reagents and supplies, installation of sputum collection and smearing areas, recording and reporting as to NTP Registry and Laboratory Registry; and adequacy of competent workforce to deliver quality TB services.



**Provincial NTP team together with  
IMPACT's Ms. Analyn Teodoro and the  
RHU Quezon staff**



**Feed backing at RHU Aurora by NTP  
monitoring team with  
Dr. Virginia Talamayan and her staff**



**On site evaluation of the smearing area of RHU San Manuel by the Provincial NTP team.**



**Ms. Rowena Nuesa of PHO checks on the sputum collection and smearing area of RHU Roxas.**

As part of the TB control efforts, the team intensified its campaign by visiting the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) of Santiago City, Cauayan City, and Roxas to coordinate with the Jail Wardens for the possible initiation of TB Program in Jails or TB Program in Prison Setting.

### **Handog Pagmamahal para sa Isabeleños**

March 14 & 18, 2014

Luna, Isabela – To signify the administration’s vow for Better Health for all Isabeleños, the Provincial Government of Isabela under the sterling administration of Gov. Bojie G. Dy ,III joined by the equally dynamic Vice-Governor, Hon. Tonytpet T. Albano continues to sustain its passion in safeguarding the health and welfare of the marginalized and underserved Isabeleños during the conduct of *“Medical and Dental Mission”* sponsored by the Office of the Vice-President , Hon. Jejomar Binay held last March 14,2014 in Luna, Isabela and *“Farmer’s Congress in the Barangay”* conducted San Guillermo, Isabela last March 18,2014.

Believing strongly that health is one’s most cherished asset; this endeavor consists of medical team and other health care professionals who carried out their tasks with devotion and utmost fervor for public service.



**USec. Rosalie Licaoco and the VP Medical Team together with Ms. Merlyn Pobre of IPHO and Dr. Claire Gerardo and Dr. Lilia Perez of RHU Luna at Luna Isabela.**



**Ms. Merlyn Pobre of IPHO assists the BHW's and BNS in admitting patients as well as in dispensing medicines during the medical mission.**



**IPHO's Ms. Merlyn Pobre assists Dr. Carl Matriano in giving oral care to 176 dental patients**

## **San Guillermo, Isabela**



**GRIN OF PUBLIC SERVICE: The Governor, Hon. Bojie G. Dy, III personally attends to ensure that all sectors are ready to render their respective assistance to his beloved constituents.**





**Dr. Mariano, PHO II takes the lead during the activity, while Dr. Manlongat from PHO interviews a patient. There were 393 medical patients treated and provided with medicines**



**Dr. Benoza of IPHO devotes his strength as he performs tooth extraction. A total of 60 dental patients were attended during the mission.**



**The staff of GFNDMH Blood Bank waits for more donors**

## **Ideal Feeding Practices for Infants and Young Children**

March 17-21, 2014

Provincial Capitol Foodcourt, Ilagan City, Isabela – It was in 2002 when the WHO and UNICEF adopted the *Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding* (IYCF). DOH and its line agency-the National Nutrition Council-Region 02 realized this through capability-building of health workers. This venture was made possible with the active cooperation of local government units.

It is widely believed that adequate nutrition during infancy and early childhood is essential to ensure the growth, health, and development of children to their full potential. Steered by this premise, the Provincial Health Office of Isabela untiringly conducts the 5th batch of training entitled, *“Promotion of Good Nutrition and Infant & Young Child Feeding”* to the different municipalities of Quirino, Burgos, Roxas and San Isidro wherein a total of 62 participants composed of barangay health workers, barangay nutrition scholars and parent leaders joined. The five-day training focuses on the provision of essential competencies that every health service provider must be equipped of to carry out the crucial role of protecting, promoting and supporting optimal feeding practices in accordance to the principles of the *Global Strategy* which are exclusive breastfeeding and adequate/safe complementary feeding starting from the age of 6 months with continued breastfeeding up to 2 years of age or beyond. This follows other critical components of teaching suitable nutrition for children such as increasing consumption of egg and vegetables.

The completion of the course is expected to raise community-based awareness among local folks on ways to improve the nutritional status of young children in the entire province.



**Ms. Nario and Ms. Dela Cruz, both facilitators from IPHO demonstrate “proper position of a colicky baby”**



**Participants from Roxas and San Isidro gamely volunteer to perform a role play on “How to counsel a mother with breastfeeding difficulties”**





**Ms. Nario from PHO joins the delegation  
from BURGOS.**



**QUIRINO**



**ROXAS**



**SAN ISIDRO**



**As a culminating activity, the 62 participants take their post  
examination on the 5<sup>th</sup> day before the graduation rites.**

## The Empowering Roles of BHWs in Tuberculosis (TB) Control

March 18-20, 2014

CHD Conference Hall, Tuguegarao City- As part of its strategic plan to control TB by increasing the Detection Rate and Cure Rate, the Center for Health Development –Cagayan Valley under the steadfast leadership of Dr. Rio L. Magpantay, Regional Director conducts the activity, *“Training on Smearing for Sputum Canvassers in Remote Areas.”*

Recognizing fully the capabilities of barangay health workers in rendering services in the grassroots, this scientific breakthrough is likely to improve access thru proper preparation of smears for microscopy in health facilities.

As a testimony of support and commitment to the program, the Provincial Health Office actively joined this 3-day initiative with high hopes that it shall pave the way towards achieving success in TB management.



Regional Director, Dr. Rio L. Magpantay, gives his welcome message to the 18 BHW and Midwives of Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino and Cagayan who participated the 3 day live in training on *“Smearing for Sputum Canvassers in Remote Areas”*.



Ms. Merlyn Pobre, IPHO Med. Tech is one of the facilitators during the Training on Smearing for Sputum Canvassers in Remote Areas: as a lecturer on the topic, *“Sputum Collection and Quality Assurance”* (1<sup>st</sup> photo); as a supervisor during the practicum on Sputum Smearing (2<sup>nd</sup> photo) and as an assessor for the smears prepared by the participants (3<sup>rd</sup> photo).



## **PHO looks forward to Malaria-Free Isabela**

March 19, 2014

Punta Amelita Resort, Cordon, Isabela - The Philippines is on the course of eliminating malaria in the Philippines by 2020. Guided by this attainable vision, Global Consolidated Malaria Grant in the province of Isabela, the Philippines Shell Foundation Inc., in consultation with the Isabela Provincial Health Office (IPHO) and the Center for Health Development- Cagayan Valley converged a *“Provincial Malaria Control Program Implementation Review(PIR)”* and orientation on malaria updates last March 19-20, 2014.

The activity aims to share municipal successes and challenges in malaria elimination and preparation of workable plans and sustainable solutions that will focus on regional cooperation, advocacy, knowledge exchange and capacity-building attended by rural health units and chief of hospitals. Such valuable results shall be made as bases for the consolidated Provincial Plan of Action.

Through the concerted efforts and mix of key interventions to all malaria risk populations from the different municipalities and development partners, the Province of Isabela is relentlessly working towards the elimination of malaria as a public health threat in the entire province as cases consistently decline from 129 in 2010 to 28 in 2012.



**Dr. Rosa Rita Mariano, PHO II delivers  
“Provincial updates on Malaria  
Management”**



**Dr. Romy Turingan, Regional Medical  
Coordinator provides answers to  
issues and concerns raised by the  
participants**



**Participants  
work on  
their plans  
while Ms.  
Martinez and  
Ms. Lorenzo  
both from  
PHO provide  
technical  
assistance**





**Ms. Lorenzo, program coordinator from PHO presents the Malaria Status from unstable area.**



**Presentation of Plan per municipality by Stratified Areas: Unstable, Sporadic, Malaria Prone Area and District Hospital.**



**The powerful team for Malaria-Elimination led by: Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano of PHO, Dr.Romy Turingan of CHD-CV and Ms. Eva Malabanán, Senior Cluster Head of Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc.**

## **A Precious Moment with the DOH Regional Director**

March 20, 2014

Center for Health Development-Cagayan Valley, Tuguegarao City- In a great effort to strengthen health cooperation and partnership, the Province of Isabela thru the dynamic steward of the health sector, Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Rio L. Magpantay, CHD-CV Regional Director last March 20, 2014.

Both health leaders tackled vital health issues such as Health Facility Enhancement Program (HFEP) ventures for the province , Licensing Requirements for Birthing Centers and other high-impact health interventions, initiatives and actions to reach the Millennium Development Goals for all Isabeleños particularly as a way to reach-out the poor and underserved Isabeleños.

Once again, the famous adage which states, *“Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much”* proved to be truly right and meaningful.



**A picture of effective partnership from the DOH Regional Director, Dr. Rio L. Magpantay and Provincial Government of Isabela represented by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, PHO II**