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**“Public-Private Partnership (PPP) on the GO!”**

February 26-28, 2014

Highlander Hotel, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya - Taking the lead to fight Tuberculosis, the Innovations and Multisectoral Partnership to Achieve Control of Tuberculosis (IMPACT), a non-government organization , in coordination with the Provincial Government of Isabela thru the Provincial Health Office conducted a three- day seminar workshop with the primary objective of improving health systems and policies supportive of the National Tuberculosis Control Program entitled “ **Laboratory Network Strengthening and Expansion Workshop**”.

It is strongly believed that a strong network of laboratory services is vital in ensuring patient’s access to quality TB diagnosis. Specifically, it aims to identify problems on accessibility and availability of TB Laboratory services, and subsequently, the formulation of structured plan based on the identified problems. It was attended by 56 participants comprising of Municipal Health Officers, Nurses, Medical Technologist and Microscopist from the different Rural Health Units of the Province of Isabela.

It was noted that one of the reasons for a low Case Detection Rate (CDR) and Cure Rate (CR) was primarily due to poor access and poor availability of TB Laboratory services in the area. A critical factor associated to this is the presence of Geographically Isolated and Depressed Area/ Remote areas in the locality. Intensely guided by this concern, the participants were grouped to develop a Laboratory Plan that will be instrumental in improving laboratory services- the establishment of Remote Smearing Site (RSS) that will be useful in bridging the gaps that hinder the accessibility of the services especially in the remote barangays.

At the end of the activity the dynamic participants were full of hopes and looking forward in the pursuit of establishing a Remote Smearing Site in their respective catchment areas!



The participants are busy doing their plan with the technical assistance of the PHO staff during the workshop.



The participants are preparing for the presentation of their Laboratory plan to the group.

## **“Hanep ang HFEP!”**

March 5, 2014

Provincial Health Office, Ilagan, Isabela – Operating under the marching orders of the Aquino administration and mandated by the principles of Universal Health Care or “Kalusugan Pangkalahatan”, the Department of Health represented by the Center for Health Development-Cagayan Valley thru its **Health Facility Enhancement Program (HFEP)** invested heavily for the improvement of government-owned and operated health facilities for a responsive health system. The program aims to upgrade and improve access to quality health facilities particularly among the poor.

Grateful for the valuable support, the Provincial Government of Isabela led by Hon. Faustino G. Dy,III and Vice-Gov. Tonypet T. Albano ,together with the Provincial Health Office headed by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano and local chief executives warmly embraced such gigantic projects as they closely monitored the progress of works , from initial until completion phase. Through this, it will paved the way for a better health service delivery for all Isabeleños even those living in geographically, isolated and depressed areas(GIDA).



**Gov. Bojie G. Dy (4th from left) awards the Token of Appreciation to CHD Regional Director, Dr. Rio L. Magpantay for the support given to the health facilities of the Provincial Government of Isabela held during the inauguration of San Mariano Community Hospital. They are joined by the Chief of Hospital, Dr. Imelda Guillermo, Dr. Arlene Lazaro and Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano from Provincial Health Office.**





**The new San Mariano Community Hospital, one of the recipients of the Health Facility Enhancement Program of DOH.**



**The new Dinapigue Community Hospital was conceptualized thru HFEP and the preparation of plans was undertaken by the Province of Isabela thru the Provincial Engineering Office. The construction started last June 2012 and completed January 2014.**



**Hon. Bernard Faustino M. Dy, City Mayor of Cauayan led the Ribbon-cutting Ceremony of City Health Office-2 Birthing Center located at Brgy. Villaluna with Dr. Mary Kristin Purugganan, City Health Officer 2. It was completed January 2014 funded by DOH – Health Facility Enhancement Program.**



**Located at the back of the Birthing Center, this Ground- breaking ceremony headed by Mayor Dy is the site of another HFEP project (Phase 2). He was joined by Dr. Purugganan, SP Eugenio Asirit, PHO technical team and RHU personnel.**

## **“Measles Information Board”**

March 6, 2014

Provincial Health Office, Ilagan, Isabela- Since the emergence of measles cases nationwide, the Provincial Health Office as the lead shepherd to protect the health of all Isabelenos, particularly the target age group of 9 to 23 months children continues to join the Center for Health Development –Cagayan Valley and all Rural Health Units in their advocacy campaigns against this dreadful disease. To date, there are 187 suspected cases as reported to the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU) coming from the different municipalities.

Table 1 shows the occurrence of the disease as to the number of cases:

| <b>Municipality</b> | <b>Frequency</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Alicia              | 11               |
| Angadanan           | 5                |
| Aurora              | 1                |
| Benito Soliven      | 3                |
| Burgos              | 2                |
| Cabagan             | 2                |
| Cabatuan            | 2                |
| Cauayan City        | 39               |
| Cordon              | 7                |
| Delfin Albano       | 1                |
| Echague             | 13               |
| Gamu                | 7                |
| Ilagan              | 36               |
| Jones               | 6                |

| <b>Municipality</b> | <b>Frequency</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Luna                | 2                |
| Mallig              | 1                |
| Naguilian           | 9                |
| Palanan             | 1                |
| Quirino             | 1                |
| Roxas               | 3                |
| San Agustin         | 1                |
| San Guillermo       | 1                |
| San Manuel          | 4                |
| San Mariano         | 7                |
| San Mateo           | 4                |
| San Pablo           | 7                |
| Santiago City       | 1                |
| Sto. Tomas          | 5                |
| Tumauini            | 5                |

Table 2 illustrates the **11** confirmed positive cases as reported by Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM):

A. Place of Occurrence :

B. Age :

| <b>Municipality</b> | <b>Frequency</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Alicia              | 1                |
| Angadanan           | 1                |
| Cordon              | 1                |
| Cauayan City        | 2                |
| Ilagan              | 2                |
| San Mariano         | 1                |
| Tumauini            | 3                |

| <b>Age</b>      | <b>Frequency</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Unknown         | 1                |
| 0-6 months      | 1                |
| 7-12 months     | 3                |
| 1-5 years old   | 3                |
| 6-10 years old  | 0                |
| 11-15 years old | 1                |
| 16-20 years old | 1                |
| 21-25 years old | 1                |





During the advocacy campaign at City Health Office- Ilagan 1 where Dr. Brian , CHD team leader, Ms. Bagaoisan, PHO EPI Program Coordinator and Ms. Jimenez, Public Health Nurse of Ilagan City joined together for the mass immunization of measles.



Ms. Martin, Med. Tech of PHO extracts blood specimen to a measles suspect to be sent to RITM for confirmation.



**The Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit (RESU) together with the Provincial Epidemiology Unit (PESU) attends to a 15-month old child admitted at Gov. Faustino N. Dy. Sr. Memorial Hospital during the inspection of the buccal mucosa for Koplick's Spots.**



### **“PasaDOH ba ang DATA natin? PART III”**

March 6, 2014

Provincial Health Office, Ilagan, Isabela- Sustaining the goal of having a reliable and sound data from barangay to national level, the four Technical teams from Provincial Health Office in partnership with USAID-LuzonHealth assisted four municipalities in the conduct of Data Quality Check (DQC) Workshop, a critical approach to monitor health service delivery nationwide to determine public health priorities.

Now on its third week of implementation, this took place simultaneously in the municipalities of Alicia, Angadanan, Ramon and San Mateo where health workers actively participated. Different forms such as Target Client List, Summary Table, Monthly Consolidation Tables and Monthly form that make up the Field Health Service Information System(FHSIS) were reviewed on the basis of program standards, particularly Maternal Newborn Child Health and Nutrition(MNCHN),as well as Family Planning.

This activity is one of the strategies to help attain the Millennium Development Goals on Reducing Infant Mortality and Improvement of Maternal Health by 2015.



**Ms. Elena Ramones, Provincial Family Planning Coordinator discusses some issues encountered in the recording and reporting of the midwives in Ramon, Isabela**

**The Rural Health Midwives of Angadanan Rural Health Center with the Luzon Health team as they go through their TCLs during the DQC Workshop at Angadanan, Isabela on March 4-6, 2014.**





The PHO team with the midwives of San Mateo, Isabela while reviewing their TCLs during the DQC activity conducted last March 4-6, 2014.



Courtesy call with the Municipal Mayor, Hon. Crispina R. Agcaoili together with the IPHO team and Representative from Luzon Health. Mayor Agcaoili emphasized that health is one of her program priorities.

## **“Orientation among Engaged-Community Health Volunteers continues”**

March 3-5, 2014

Piazza Zicarelli, Gamu, Isabela- In full recognition of the roles played by all Barangay Health Workers in health promotion and disease prevention, the Center for Health Development Cagayan Valley in close partnership with the Provincial Health Office – National Tuberculosis Program Core Team carried on its perpetual commitment to capacitate the “unsung heroes” from the grassroots. The 3rd batch of training was attended by 52 barangay health workers coming from the municipalities of Reina Mercedes, Echague, Cauayan, Roxas, Cabatuan, Luna, Jones, San Mateo, Ramon, Cordon and San Guillermo.

The training aims to increase the Tuberculosis Case Detection Rate and Cure Rate of the region and with this, the participation of the BHW as front liners in case finding and as treatment partners in case holding of Tuberculosis patient is of great help. The incentive scheme strategy is sure to further intensify the “Cough to Cure pathway” envisioned by the Center for Health Development with its mechanism that for every new smear positive tuberculosis patient identified and cured by the trained BHW, an amount of 2,000 pesos as an incentive shall be awarded.

The Case finding activity shall start simultaneously once the training in other provinces of Region 2 is completed. This initiative is expected to create motivation and enthusiasm among Barangay Health Workers who participated in the activity in the coming years.



**The NTP Nurse and Med. Tech coordinators as they lectured on Basic facts about Tuberculosis and the roles of BHWs as treatment partners**



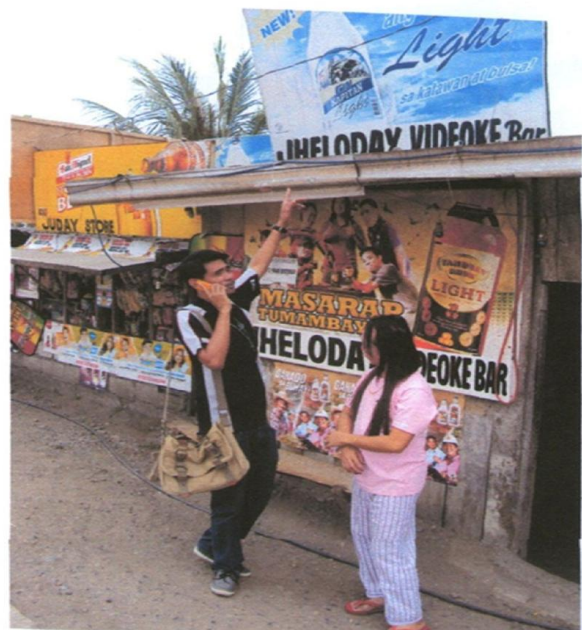
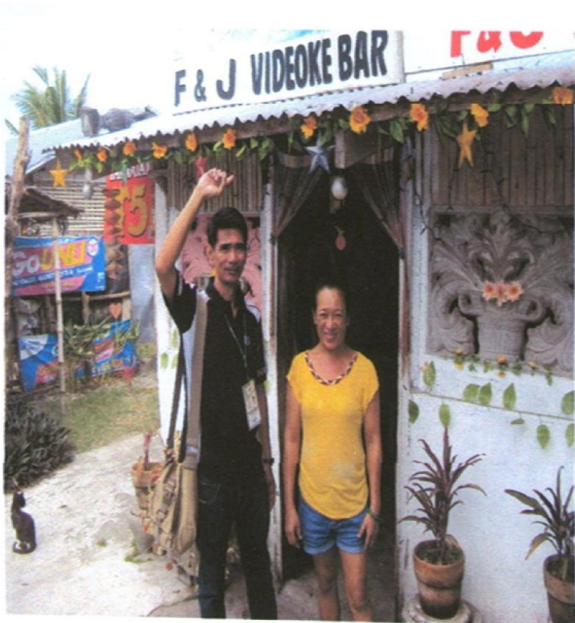
## **“Iwas Sakit sa WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene)”**

March 4-7, 2014

Provincial Health Office, Ilagan, Isabela-Anchored along the motto, “ Prevention is worth a pound of Cure”, the Water Sanitation and Hygiene section of the Provincial Health Office performs its unique duties to conduct inspection rounds among different establishments mainly to guarantee public health safety. It deals with the promotion and provision of basic sanitation services through water quality surveillance, monitoring and evaluation of toilet facilities, sanitation of public places and emergency environmental sanitation during disasters.



**Mr. Baccay, Sanitation Inspector of PHO together with the owner inspects the Water Refilling Station located at Reina Mercedes to ensure safe water supply within the municipality**



**To safeguard the health of the public, Mr. Baccay checks the Health Certificate of the Entertainment Establishment Workers (EEWs) and cleanliness of their working areas. Two establishments in Reina Mercedes were visited for this purpose.**

## **“Kulambo Kontra Malaria”**

March 4-5, 2014

Dinapigue, Isabela – As clearly stipulated in the National Objectives for Health (NOH) 2011-2016, the objective of the Malaria Program is to ensure universal access to reliable diagnosis, highly effective and appropriate treatment, as well as preventive measures for Malaria elimination. With this guideline, the Center for Health Development, provincial and municipal government, in partnership with Global Fund Consolidated Malaria Grant through Filipinas Shell, a non-government organization jointly pooled their efforts together for a Malaria-Free Region 02.

In the province of Isabela, out of the 37 municipalities-11 are considered endemic and 26 are malaria-prone areas. Endemic is defined as presence or existence of the disease in a specific place which include the municipalities of Benito Soliven, Cauayan City, Dinapigue, Divilacan, Echague, Ilagan, Palanan, Quezon, San Guillermo, San Mariano and Tumauni.

Strategies to attain the stated goal are access and availability of quality diagnostic services, distribution of Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets, Indoor Residual Spraying and advocacy on prevention and control.



Taken at Barangay Dibulo, Dinapigue, Isabela where Ms. Lerida Razo from CHD conducts advocacy on proper care of the Insecticide –treated Nets prior to distribution.



A Dumagat wife receives a Long Lasting Insecticide-Treated Net (LLIN) last February 24, 2014 in Barangay Digumased, Dinapigue while other families are waiting. Looking on are barangay folks and their children with much happiness evident in their faces.