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Significant Accomplishments of Field Health Services

“Handog Pagmamahal para sa mga Isabeleños”

Farmer’s Congress cum Medical/Surgical and Dental Mission
April 1-3, 2014

Maconacon, Isabela- Proving once again their unswerving fervor for public service, the great leaders of the Provincial Government of Isabela headed by Gov. Bojie G. Dy, III and Vice-Gov. Tonypet T. Albano took time to be with their *Dumagat* constituents living in the breath-taking coastal towns of Maconacon and Divilacan. Complementing their efforts were the presence of Party List Representative, Hon. Silvestre Bello III and 1st District Representative, Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III. Joined by fifty seven (57) employees of the province, the team performed their respective roles and expertise with much enthusiasm and interest such as giving lectures, venue preparation and providing health services.

The health sector, under the leadership Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro, Provincial Health Officer I-Field Health Services, the competent and compassionate medical team came from Provincial Health Office, Gov. Faustino N. Dy, Sr. Memorial Hospital, San Mariano Community Hospital and Echague District Hospital. The total number of patients provided with medical consultation was 575; dental patients attended were 210; and surgical patients attended to were 51.

It was indeed a noble day for all public servants as they have proved their pledge to be of service to others as well as a fruitful day for all patients who came to accept quality and genuine care from our beloved province.



BANNERS OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

These streamers symbolize the Dy-Albano's zeal for optimal health and welfare to all Isabeleños even if it means crossing-over the thick and high mountain range of Sierra Madre.





The residents of Maconacon and Divilacan find their places to avail of the different services genuinely provided by the municipal and provincial government.



The doctors-Rhoda Gaffud, MD from EDH, Marichu Manlongat, MD from PHO, Joseph Tibio, MD from GFNDSMH and Reynaldo Alvarez, DMD dutifully attend to the medical needs of patients.



“Home-based versus Facility-Based Birth Deliveries thru a Focus Group Discussion : A Step Forward in Improving Maternal and Newborn Care Program”

Facility –Based Delivery /Skilled Birth Attendance Analysis and Write-Up

April 2-3, 2014

Casa Angela,Tuguegarao City- The overall goal of Maternal and Newborn Health Program is to ensure the survival, health and well-being of mothers and their unborn in every community. Since the program entails multi-disciplinary approach, it is widely believed that concerted efforts of health workers, local and national government, development partners and stakeholders is critical towards its realization.

Guided by the DOH-National Objectives for Health 2011-2016 complemented by the attainment of MDGs 4 & 5 on reduction of infant and maternal mortality, the DOH-Regional Office II joined by USAID-LuzonHealth invited LGUs for the result and write-up of the study on the *“Mismatch on Facility-based Delivery (FBD) and Skilled Birth Attendance (SBA) for Cagayan and Isabela”*, conducted last November 2013. Its purpose is to increase the use of facility-based maternal and newborn care, identify key factors affecting decisions on the use and non-use of facility-based birth deliveries. This undertaking was well-attended by twenty-four participants coming from the six municipalities where the study was held represented by the MHOs (San Mariano, Cordon, Alicia, Amulung, Iguig and Pamplona), DOHReps and Maternal and Child Health Provincial Coordinators.

Using focus group discussion(FGD)as a methodology, 5 groups of respondents were invited using set of questions such pregnant women, husbands of pregnant women, women who delivered at home, women who delivered at health facilities and midwives. Research write-up was made possible after the participants were grouped for the consolidated output from the six municipalities.

This initiative comes after the 2010 Field Health Service Information System (FHSIS) of PHO Isabela revealed that accomplishments for Facility-based delivery(FBD) was only 36 % while Skilled-birth Attendance(SBA) at 87 %. It is expected that this coming May, 2014, the group will once again convene for the finalization of the research results for dissemination purposes.



Dr. Alex Herrin, Chief of Party of USAID-LuzonHealth delivers the outline of the research study on Facility-based Delivery and Skilled-birth Attendance



Dr. Elsie Pintucan, OIC-Provincial Health Team Leader for Isabela from DOH-Regional Office II, introduced the participants.



Ms. Leslie from USAID-LuzonHealth discusses enthusiastically the methodology of the research study.



Dr. Elsie Pintucan of DOH-ROII, Dr. Almira Reyes, MHO of RHU-San Mariano and Mrs. Aileen Tolentino, PHN of RHU-San Mariano consolidate the result of San Mariano for presentation at the workshop.



Work in Progress: Dr. Geriely Olay, MHO of RHU-Cordon leads the work together with Mrs. Emma Tumaliuan, MCH Program Manager of DOH-RO II and Mrs. Rhodora Santos, MCH Coordinator of PHO-Isabela.

“Health Cooperation for Better Health Outcomes”

Provincial Local Health Board Meeting (PLHB)

April 8, 2014

Provincial Capitol, City of Ilagan, Isabela - Operating under the DILG mandate on Good Governance that stipulates the need to create, organize and to regularly meet the members of the Provincial Local Health Board which acts as an advisory board to discuss and resolve pertinent health issues affecting the interests of the general public, the Provincial Health Office spearheaded a meeting to seek partnership and engagement with different sectors for improved and sustained health initiatives.

In full recognition of their unique contributions toward health concerns, the committee is headed by the Governor as chairperson, SP on Health and the Provincial Health Officer II as vice-chairpersons and the different department heads of the provincial government , technical team from the DOH-Regional Office II and Provincial Health Office, Provincial Health Officers from the Hospital and Field Health Services, PhilHealth Officers , doctors from private sector, president of Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines(AMHOP), development partners in Health and religious organizations, presidents of civic groups such as Senior Citizens and BHW Federation act as members.

This assembly strengthens the role of local government units in managing the health sector thru continued, collective and effective alliance in harmony with all stakeholders available in the community.



Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano gives her warm welcome to all participants before the meeting
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Mrs. Agnes Lelina, Asst. TB Program coordinator presents the 2013 accomplishment as well as the status of Tuberculosis in the province.



To win the obstacles that confront the program, Dr. Lazaro, (2nd from left) PHO I-FHS stresses the need for multi-sectoral engagement. Dr. Pintucan (4th from left) from DOH-Regional Office further makes an affirmation by stating the contributions each agency can make. They were joined by Dr. Melchor dela Cruz (1st from left), Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, PHO II and Mrs. Angelica Obordo (5th from left) from DOH-RO II.



Ms. Lorenzo, Malaria Program Coordinator unveils the road towards Malaria elimination in the province by 2016 while everyone attentively listened.



Quality Health Across Life Cycle:
Mrs. Anita de Guzman, program coordinator for Senior Citizens discloses the number of recipients province-wide on the two essential vaccines for the older group- Influenza and Pneumococcal vaccines.



Ms. Angelica Obordo from DOH-Regional Office tackles the overview of *Universal Health Care (UHC) or Kalusugan Pangkalahatan (KP)* and eventually shares the result of KP Implementation Survey for which the province made a very satisfactory rating.

PHIC Speaks.

Mrs. Norlyn Pimentel informs the body that PhilHealth enrollment ballooned from 16,000 to 200,000 households comprising mainly of NHTS (poor) families identified by DSWD.



On a final note, the dynamic Provincial Administrator, Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez gives his message of thanks to PHIC and all other members for their continued support and active participation.