

## FARMERS CONGRESS 2016 Part 2

In the month of February, the “Farmers Congress sa Barangay” was conducted in three municipalities, namely, San Manuel on February 2, San Mariano on February 4, and Benito Soliven on February 17. During these events, the residents were treated to a day of free medical and dental consultation/services, and the children were fed with nutritionally-balanced meal provided under the BRO-Lusog Program. Along with various government organizations that provided their respective social services to the people, the Provincial Health Office heads and staff contributed to the said event by assisting, admitting, and examining patients who lined up for health consultation.

### San Manuel, Isabela: February 2, 2016



Parents of identified malnourished children while they wait for the feeding activity



A PHO doctor gives a background of the BRO-LUSOG program



Hordes of people from San Manuel seeks out for health consultation



The Provincial Health Officers together with other PHO doctors examine patients' health concerns

San Mariano, Isabela: February 4, 2016



Distribution of seedlings to parents of identified malnourished children to sustain supply of nutritious food



A PHO Nutritionist/Dietician III meets up with the BHWs and BNSs of San Mariano to finalize Masterlist of malnourished children per barangay

The BRO-LUSOG program in San Mariano caters to 750 children



**Benito Soliven, Isabela: February 17, 2016**



Throngs of people - 1161 Medical patients and 140 Dental patients assemble at the Community Center of Benito Soliven

The BRO- LUSOG crew prepares Gourmix and chocolate milk drink for undernourished children of Benito Soliven



300 children finds contentment as they eat the prepared food



Mothers line up to receive seedlings from the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist



IPHO Field Health Staff Nurses admit and check vital signs of patients from Benito Soliven



The Provincial Health Officers all hands-on in providing medical care to patients

Date	Municipality	Medical/Surgical Patients	Dental Patients	BRO-LUSOG Recipients	Blood Donors
February 2	San Manuel	1340	203	430	4
February 4	San Mariano	1231	191	750	0
February 17	Benito Soliven	1161	140	300	0

**TRAINING OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs) FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE PROVISION**

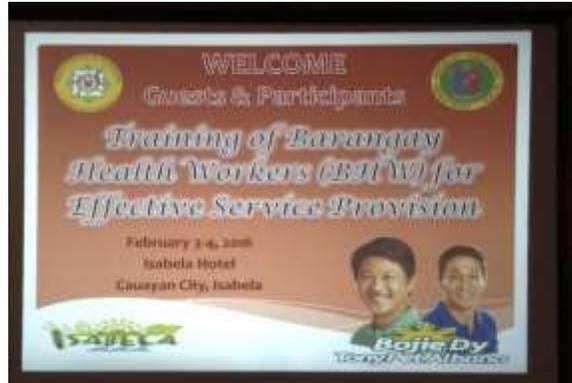
*February 3-4, 2016*

*Isabela Hotel, Cauayan City, Isabela*

The Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) perform a significant role in our communities; they are the frontline workers that support the delivery of Primary Health Care services. It should not be taken for granted because their services pertain to saving lives through delivery of key health messages.

The Provincial Government of Isabela through the Provincial Health Office (PHO) organized the activity to primarily signify once again the unique roles of BHWs in uplifting the different health programs. All municipalities participated by sending 5 of their several Barangay Health Workers. Aside from the High-Impact 5 Programs of the DOH, priority programs of the Provincial Government were also tackled.

The objective of the activity is to strengthen the involvement of BHWs in Health Education, Promotion, Advocacy and Social Marketing of Public Health Programs hence, to upgrade and update their knowledge on the different Public Health Programs (health promotion and early detection of life threatening health conditions). Also, to capacitate them on the utilization of basic and simple tools needed for health information system and database in the barangay. Lastly, it also aims to make them further understand the essential determinants of good health and their significant roles and responsibilities as BHWs, popularly known as “**Bayani Hanggang Wakas**”.



The Honorable Governor Faustino “Bojie” G. Dy III discusses their benefits they will expect to receive quarterly



Participants listen to the Lecture

Officers of the BHW Federation of Isabela



BHWs together with the Provincial Governor and the Provincial Health Officer II pose for souvenir photos



The Provincial Governor and representatives from DOH-RO2 with the IPHO Staff – the workforce behind the BHW Training

## DOST PINOY: Nutrition Program for Filipino Kids

*City of Ilagan, Isabela* - The Malnutrition Reduction Program is currently implemented by the FNRI-DOST in all regions of the country to address under nutrition problem among our Filipino young children. In this regard, an advocacy meeting preceded by the FNRI-DOST Region II was held last February 17, 2016 at Queen Isabela Conference Hall, City of Ilagan, Isabela. The Provincial Nutrition Committee led by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, Provincial Nutrition Action Officer and representatives of the different line agencies were present during the said meeting.



“DOST PINOY (Package for the Improvement of Nutrition of Young Children) was created to free Filipino children from the grip of malnutrition,” Ms. Regina M. Pagaspas, Science Research Specialist said as she revealed that, based on FNRI’s surveys, three to four out of ten children in the country are malnourished. She also added that the DOST PINOY strategy under the Malnutrition Reduction Program (MRP) is a package of intervention which involves direct feeding of rice-mongo based complementary foods for 6 months to below 3 years old children and nutrition education among mothers and caregivers.

FNRI’s Science Research Specialist discusses the program goals, objectives and the component of the DOST’s Malnutrition Reduction Program

Through FNRI-trained BNS, community participants will learn the importance of nutrition, breastfeeding, and complementary foods to growing children; food safety; preparing meal plans; and growing vegetables in their own backyards.



The complementary food technology and the intervention strategy are being rolled-out to the countryside as part of the solutions to the malnutrition problem among our Filipino young children. According to Mr. Jaypy S. De Juan, Science Research Specialist II, the LGU of San Mateo, Isabela was one of the fortunate beneficiaries of the program. Through the DOST PINOY, the complementary foods will be brought to the intended stakeholders, the young children of Isabela.



The Provincial Nutrition Action Officer in her Closing Remarks mentions to the group the BRO LUSOG Program of the Provincial Government that is being implemented province-wide to combat malnutrition.

## PESU in Action

The Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit (RESU) team conducted a courtesy call to Dr. Imelda M. Guillermo, at the Provincial Health Office for an alleged Filariasis case, one of the reportable events in Disease Surveillance.



The RESU Head as well as the Regional Dengue / Malaria Coordinator together with RESU Staff while discussing the said case

February 12, 2016



## **“RABIES PROGRAM ON THE GO!”**

Rabies is a deadly viral disease that is mainly spread by bite but exposure may also occur through contamination of broken skin or mucous membranes with the saliva of an infected animal.

The DOH says Rabies is considered a neglected disease that is “100%” fatal but also highly preventable. The incubation period or the time for the infection to develop for rabies can be as short as a few days but can also last as long as five years. But roughly 95% of people who have been infected by a rabid animal develop the disease within a year. The DOH has also warned that once a patient starts showing symptoms, there is no more treatment and he or she usually succumbs to the infection within 10 days.

During the month of February, the Rabies Program of the Isabela Provincial Health Office – Field Health Services played a part in two general advocacy activities aimed at stressing the significance of Rabies awareness.



Provincial Rabies Coordinator discusses the importance of referral among animal bite victims for proper management and intervention during the Barangay Health Workers Training held on February 3-4, 2016



One of the nurses of PHO enlightens the students on Rabies awareness

The Provincial Rabies Coordinator answers questions from the students of San Pablo National High School during the School-Hopping activity on February 5, 2016

