



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Isabela

INTEGRATED PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE – FIELD HEALTH SERVICES

**ANNUAL REPORT
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A. HEALTH GOVERNANCE

▪ ***CONDUCT OF MEETINGS***

Provincial Local Health Board Meeting – February 4, 2021

The finalization of the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan of the Province of Isabela was among the agenda during the 1st quarter meeting of the Provincial Local Health Board. Anchored along the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan, it was composed of three phases which emphasized the roles of other government agencies to effectively carry out the plans and strategies once the vaccines are available.



Atty. Manuel R. Lopez, Provincial Administrator presided the meeting while Mr. Alexander Arellano from PhilHealth Office gave his insights to the plan.



The PHO I and the Provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Operations Centre Chairperson, Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro, briefly discussed the province' vaccination plan in preparation to the forthcoming COVID-19 vaccination roll-out among priority groups A1, A2, and A3 target population.

The Phase 1 is the **Pre-Implementation** activities which include organizing the Provincial Task Force for COVID-19 and Technical Working Groups, identification of vaccination teams, the masterlisting of eligible population, conduct of COVID-19 vaccine training and micro-planning workshop for municipalities, vaccines logistics and cold chain inventory, and preparation of vaccine sites.

The Phase 2 underscores the **Implementation** activities such as the deployment of vaccination teams and conduct of actual vaccination in the field, underscoring the Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) measures.

The Phase 3 or the final phase is the **Post-Implementation** activities that include the monitoring and management any post vaccination effects of the immunization, the final disposal of immunization wastes and post campaign meetings and evaluation.

CASCADING OF LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEM-MATURITY LEVEL (LHS-ML) BASELINE ASSESSMENT – February 17-18, 2021

As the province commits to pursue Universal Health Care, a 2-day face-to-face meeting was conducted to present the status of province-wide baseline assessment of Local Health System Maturity Level based on DOH Administrative Order 2020-0037. It was attended by city/municipal health officers and members of the Local Health Board; Result of Baseline Assessment for LHS ML was discussed.

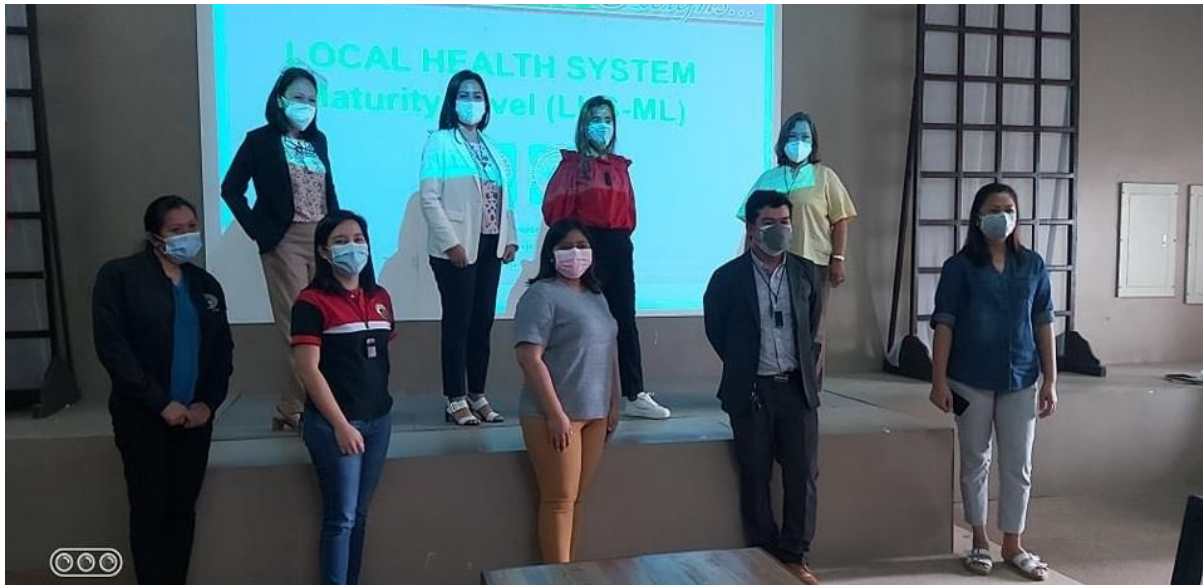


↑ Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan, PHO II, welcomed the participants from different Cities/LGUs and stakeholders as he emphasized the importance of uniting all efforts towards a better health system.



↑ Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro, PHO I, shared inputs on ways to improve critical Key Result Areas for the province-wide baseline assessment of the LHS-ML.

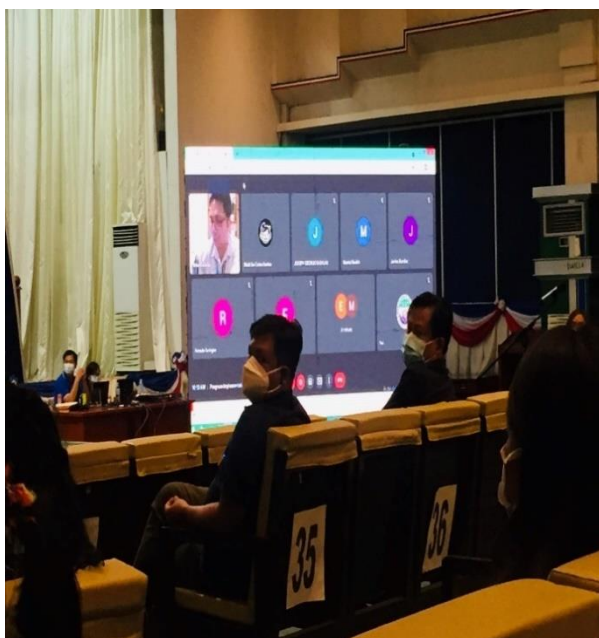




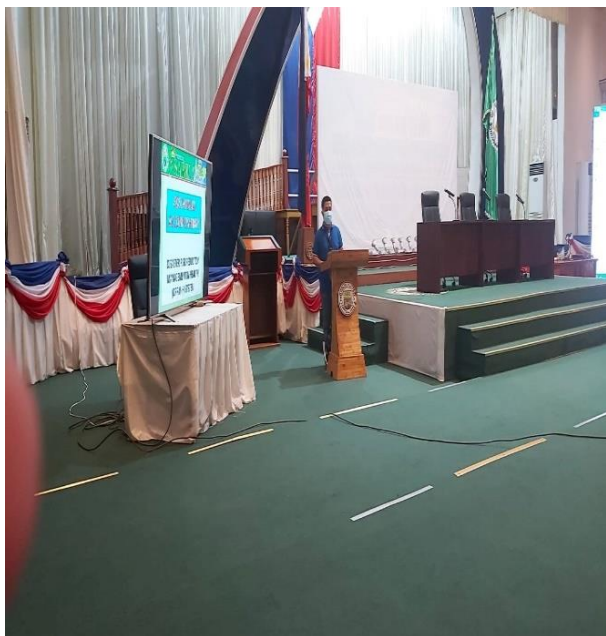
↑ Few members of the Local Health Board composed of PHOs, CHOs/MHOs, and other stakeholders during the 1st quarter meeting on LHS-ML.

Provincial Program Implementation Review – June 17, 2021

Program Implementation Review (PIR) is one of the annual assessment activities by the Department of Health to determine if the intended results for health have been achieved. Also, to evaluate whether program objectives were met, to identify gaps, good practices, and strategies for future planning, and to ensure that the end-consumers of health get the greatest possible benefit from the health programs despite of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, the conduct of PIR shall also provide a clear direction for the development of Annual Operational Plan 2022.



Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan, Provincial Health Officer II welcomed our participants from the CVCHD (via virtual attendance), PDOHO Isabela, PPDO, and other stakeholders during the preliminaries.



Provincial Health Cluster Heads and Program Coordinators presented their health programs by highlighting their accomplishments guided by local and national targets. On the other hand, health gaps were also identified and given ample attention to formulate interventions with adherence to the protocols set by the National/Regional/Provincial IATF against COVID-19. Most of these health gaps were attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic which limited the implementation and delivery of health services.



Guided with a common goal to improve the delivery of services, our participants from PDOHO, Regional Program Managers, MHOs, PHNs, and Program Coordinators actively participated during the discussion. The two (2) Provincial Health Officers I , Dr.Arlene Lazaro and Dr. Imelda Guillermo delivered the Synthesis and Next Steps with Closing remarks respectively.

- **COVID-19 MONITORING AND RESPONSE**

Establishment of the One Isabela COVID-19 Command Center (OICCC) – May 2021

The One Isabela COVID Command Center (OICCC) aims to harmonize the admission and management of COVID-19 patients at the appropriate level of health facilities. In addition, ensuring the prioritization of decking and admission among COVID-19 confirmed, suspect, and probable cases as well as to provide proper and prompt referral to Provincial Department of Health Office (PDOHO) for severe and critical cases that require admission to identified COVID-19 referral hospitals namely, SIMC and CVMC.



Located strategically at GFNDMHS with the IPHO team as in charge on a 24/7 tour of duty. The OICCC was able to serve **1,543** Covid-19 cases from May to December 2021.

COVID-19 VACCINATION ROLL-OUT – March 2021

Pursuant to the national government’s plan which aims to target 70 million Filipinos by 2021, the national government has set target groups –priority and eligible population for the vaccination program. Priority Group A1 or our Frontline Health Workers were the first to get inoculated with COVID-19 vaccine.



ROLE MODELS TO BOOST HEALTH CARE . The Provincial Health Officers as they take the lead to be vaccinated to increase the confidence of health care workers and the entire target

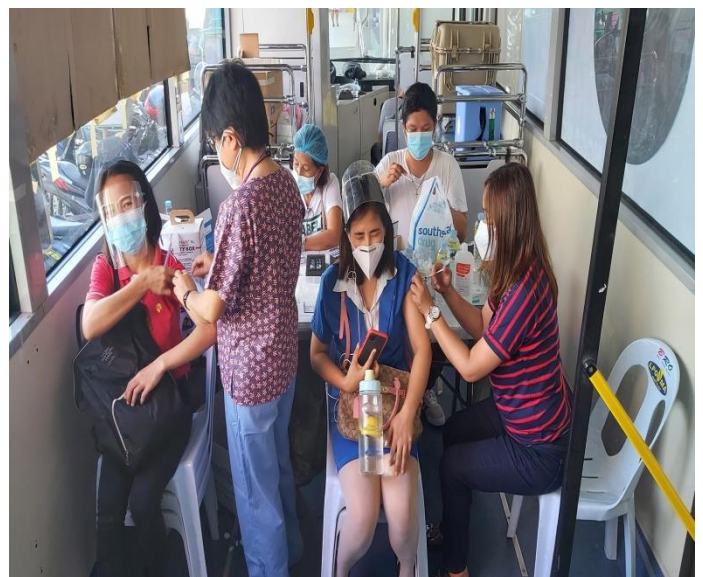


Healthcare workers of the Provincial Health Office- Field Health Services received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccination Best Practices

- **ResBAKUNA on Wheels**

The Province of Isabela along its theme, “Isabela BIDA, Handa sa Bakuna” campaign launched the “**Bakuna on Wheels**” which aims to deliver the services among eligible Isabeleños nearer to their homes who could hardly reach their designated vaccination sites due to geographic challenges, epidemic risk, stricter health protocols, and surge of COVID-19 cases. The *Bakuna on Wheels* was manned by the vaccination teams from the Integrated Provincial Health Office extending the vaccination services in cities and municipalities, government and private offices, and universities.





WE HEAL AS ONE. Aside from other eligible population, our PDLs confined in enclosed facilities were also given the chance to be inoculated with COVID-19 vaccines with the help from our allied health care workers in different line agencies, and volunteers.

- Deployment of allied health workers from different line agencies (PNP, DepEd, BFP, and PDRRM) and volunteers to aide in vaccination.



Our allied health partners from the DepEd SDO Isabela and Isabela Police Provincial Office extended their services during the province-wide vaccination roll-out

- COVID-19 Vaccination in Geographically Isolated and Depressed Areas (GIDAs)



Municipality of Divilacan



Municipality of Dinapigue



Municipality of Maconacon



Municipality of Palanan

- **COVID-19 Vaccination in Public Markets and Malls**



The ResBakuna Team of IPHO extended the vaccination services during weekends in SM City Cauayan.



The Bakuna on Wheels even reached in public markets in San Mariano and Echague.

- **Launching of COVID-19 Vaccination for Pediatric 12-17 years old – November 28, 2021**

Children of ages 12-17 years old are now eligible to accepting COVID-19 vaccines. Parents are excited for this activity because of the additional protection that vaccines can provide to their children against the severe effects of COVID-19. Provincially-operated hospitals and private hospitals catered the vaccination of our pediatric population with co-morbidities during the launching. Meanwhile, CHOs and RHUs inoculated the Rest of Pediatric Population in their respective areas of responsibility.



- **Launching of National Vaccination Days – November 29-December 1, 2021**

“Bayanihan Bakunahan: Ligtas. Lakas. Buong Pinas.”

With the aim of ramping up COVID-19 vaccination nationwide, the Department of Health calls on Filipinos to live out the spirit of bayanihan and participate in the “Bayanihan Bakunahan: Ligtas. Lakas. Buong Pinas” campaign for the National Vaccination Days wherein the Province of Isabela participated during the launching of the event held at the City of Ilagan Medical Center, Brgy Lullutan, City of Ilagan, Isabela. The event was graced by our Provincial and National leaders and was attended by Local Chief Executives, Municipal/City Health Officers, Medical Directors, Provincial Health Officers, and PDOHO Isabela personnel.



The Provincial Vice-Governor, Hon. Faustino G.Dy III led the health team during this momentous activity



As the highlight of the event, 22 municipalities and 2 cities were recognized and awarded for reaching the 70% mark of their target population who were inoculated with first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. They are the following: Luna (100.8%), Reina Mercedes (97.7%), Gamu (91.5%), Cabatuan (82.1%), Mallig (81.9%), Delfin Albano (80.8%), Cauayan City (80.5%), City of Ilagan (80.4%), Quirino (79.5%), Aurora (79.5%), Quezon (78.9%), Burgos (78%), Roxas (76.7%), Angadanan (75.2%), San Manuel (74.7%), Jones (74.3%), Dinapigue (74.2%), Ramon (73.1%), San Guillermo (73%), Naguilian (72.1%), Sta. Maria (71%), San Mariano (70.9%), Benito Soliven (70.4%), Maconacon (70.3%).

B. HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY

Ten (10) Leading Causes of Morbidity for FY 2021 (All Ages)

Table 1.

1.	Acute Respiratory Infection (Upper and Lower)	28,066
2.	Hypertension	15,560
3.	Animal Bite	6,975
4.	Wounds/Injuries/Accidents	6,736
5.	Urinary Tract Infection	6,375
6.	Skin Diseases	5,187
7.	Pneumonia	4,246
8.	Acute Gastroenteritis	3,751
9.	Influenza	3,520
10.	Vertigo	1,873

Ten (10) Leading Causes of Mortality for FY 2021 (All Ages)

Table 2.

1.	Cardiovascular Disease	1,682
2.	Pneumonia	631
3.	Hypertension	448
4.	Cancer	407
5.	Cerebrovascular Accidents	299
6.	Accidents (All Kinds)	232
7.	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	175
8.	Multiple Organ Failure	161
9.	Renal Failure	131
10.	Diabetes Mellitus	119

Tables 1 & 2 show the partial leading causes of mortality and morbidity of fiscal year 2021 consolidated from 15 out of the 34 municipalities and 2 cities of Isabela.

▪ **CAPABILITY BUILDING**

Conduct of Service Capability Mapping

Transition to Universal Health Care- The Universal Health Care (UHC) Act or Republic Act 11223) is anchored on an integrated and comprehensive approach for the Health System to ensure that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, and protected from hazards and risks that could affect their health.

The DOH-CV-CHD through the Integrated Provincial Health Office of Isabela, conducted the Service Capability Mapping Orientation via google meet, on September 17, 2021 attended by RHU participants online. AO 2017-0014 states that Service Delivery network as model of care in providing care. SDN as a network of Organization that provide equitable, comprehensive, integrated and continuous good quality health services, based on primary health care approach. It is a patient-centered care; need to understand demand side. In Service capability, we need to understand the distribution, scope and scale of supply side (government and private).



The Health Facility Development Unit of the CV CHD during the conduct of meeting on Service Capability Mapping last June 25, 2021.

- To maintain registry that stores and facilitates uniform minimum required data on both public and private health facilities, updating SDN Mapping to ensure access of clients to all levels of care through the establishment of a referral system –clients are managed and receive care across various components of the network in a systematic manner. One of the objectives is to set the standards of HPCN's and apex hospitals to ensure that the continuum of care is delivered through a people- centered and integrated health systems for standardized network mechanisms.



IPHO Personnel conducted Facility Mapping in various LGUs including municipalities in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) – Palanan, Dinapigue, Quirino, Roxas to name a few.

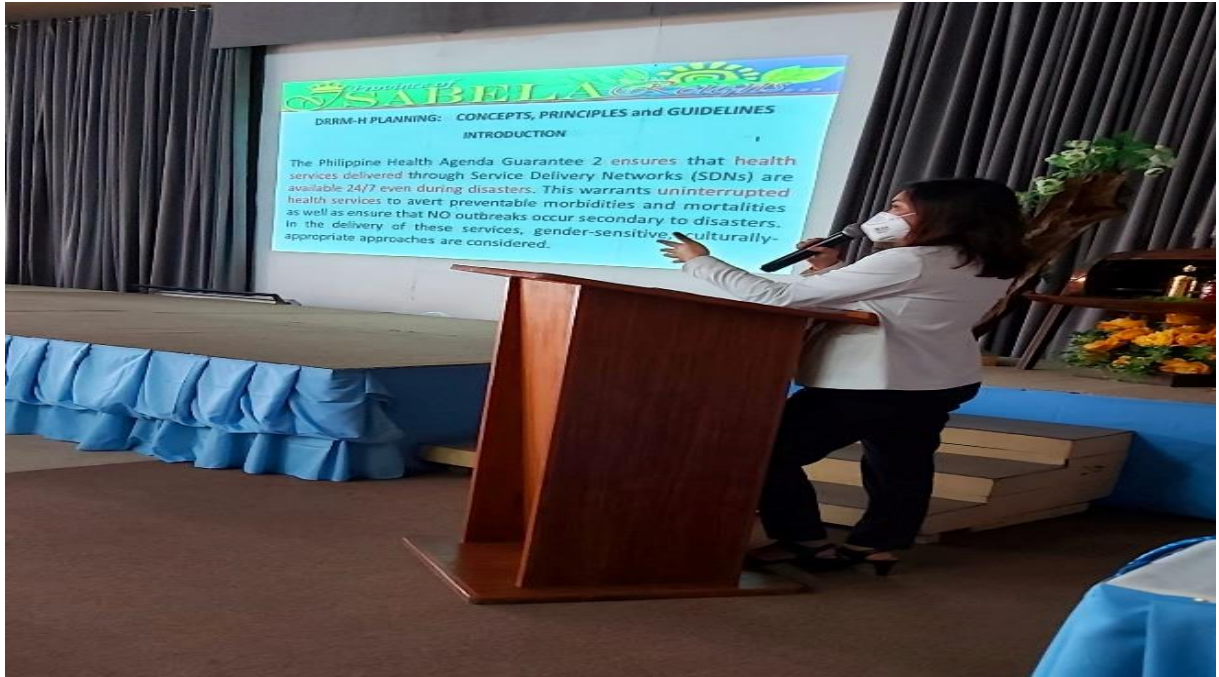
Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for Health Planning and Orientation – February 23, 24, 26, 2021

In line with the ultimate goal of the National Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office which is to attain a safer, adaptive and resilient Filipino communities towards sustainable development, the aforementioned activity aims to strengthen the capacity of the Local Government Units and to build the disaster resilience of communities along with institutionalizing arrangements and to reduce disaster risks and enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities in all levels.

The AO no. 2020-0036 known as the Guidelines on *The Institutionalization of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for Health in Province-Wide and City-Wide Health Systems*, which serves as a guidance to LGUs and key stakeholders in the institutionalization of DRRM-H in P/CWHS to further ensure a timely, effective, efficient preparedness and response to public health emergencies and disasters, the development of health resilient systems to manage health risks brought about by natural and biological hazards.



Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan, Provincial Health Officer II, welcomed the participants (attended by City/Municipal Health Officers, City/Municipal Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Officers, and Disaster and Risk Reduction Management for Health Coordinators) with his message of unifying the entire workforce towards a common goal especially during the emerging of this pandemic brought about by COVID-19.



Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro, Provincial Health Officer I, along with the provincial and regional DRRM-H program coordinators, shared their expertise by briefly discussing the Concepts, Guidelines and Principles in Planning including the strategic steps to achieve effective and efficient DRRM-H plan.

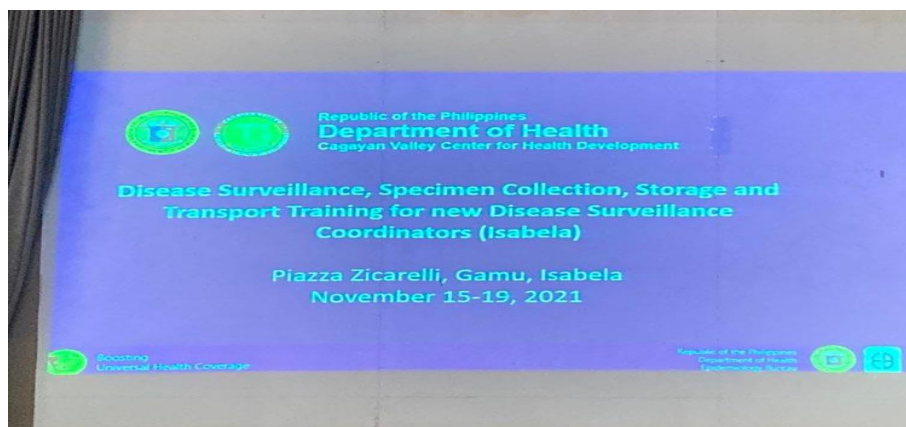




“Coming up with a comprehensive DRRM Plan for Health will enable us to prepare and battle whatever calamities, disasters, outbreaks, or pandemics that will come our way and achieve an orderly transition from response to recovery. With this, we pledge that we will support and commit to this endeavor and ensure the delivery of the best health services especially in times of disaster.”
-Dr. Almira L. Reyes (MHO, San Mariano) Commitment Message, Disaster and Risk Reduction for Health Planning and Orientation- February 23-26, 2022.

Training on Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDS), Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance and Response (VPDS), Event-based Surveillance and Response, Collection of Specimen, Storage and Transport for Untrained and Newly-Hired /Designated Disease Surveillance Coordinators – November 15/19, 2021, Piazza Zicarelli, Upi, Gamu, Isabela

As one of the vital population-based services under the Universal Health Care Law, the Philippine Integrated Surveillance and Response (PIDS) is a comprehensive strategy for capturing health information on communicable diseases for prevention and control. Several activities were combined into one integrated strategy and this includes collection and management of data, case investigation, analysis, and interpretation of data submitted by all Disease Reporting Units.



Dr. Nelson O. Paquirigan, PHO II and Ms. Arlene Martinez, PESU Coordinator giving welcome remarks and overview of the activity

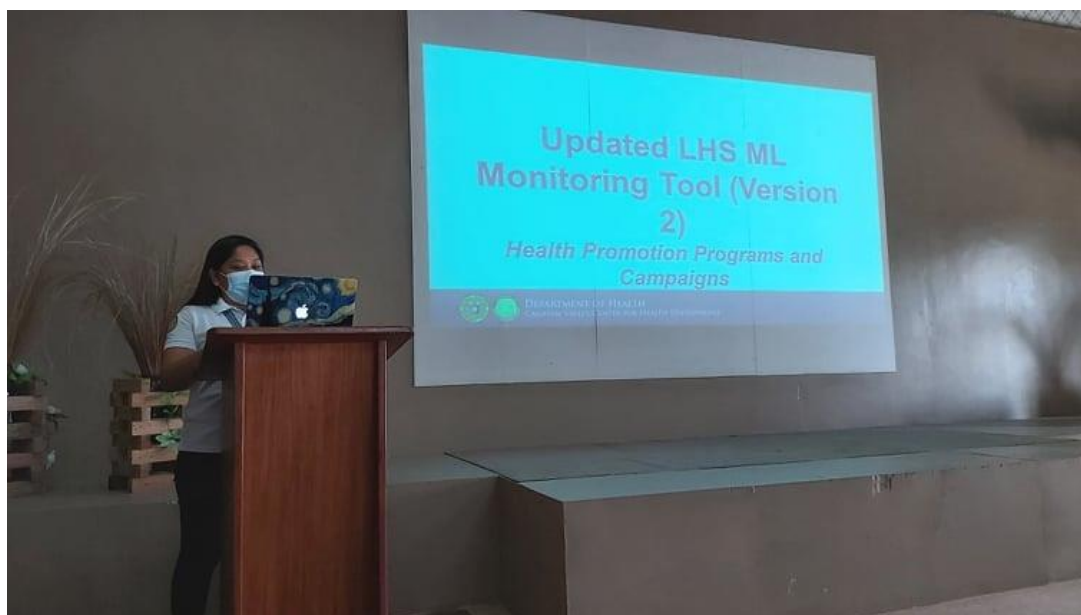


Newly- designated Disease Surveillance Coordinators during their practicum/workshop



Health Promotion Framework Strategy (HPFS) and DOH Playbook Modules Orientation and Planning Workshop – November 23-26, 2021

Health Promotion, as defined by the World Health Organization as the process of enabling people to increase control over, and improve their health by addressing its risk factors, determinants, and root causes of ill health. As guided by the Republic Act 11223 or the Universal Health Care Law, which aims to give direction in transforming the organizational structure and management of health promotion which defines the Health Promotion Framework Strategy to provide guidance in the design and implementation of strategic policies, plans, and programs for Health Promotion in Province-wide and City-wide Health Systems (P/CWHS).



Ms. Abigail Anzia of the CVCHD and the UHC Focal Person on Health Promotion, started the orientation by presenting the present status of the Province of Isabela as to its progress in satisfying Key Result Areas in Preparatory, Organizational, and Functional levels based on the Local Health System Maturity Level (LHS ML) Annual Monitoring for the Fiscal Year 2021.



Active participation of HEPO designates during the training workshop



DRRM-H Workshop on Cascading Baseline Assessment and Situational Analysis – November 23-26, 2021

A face-to-face workshop facilitated by the CVCHD's Disaster and Risk Reduction Management- on Health (DRRM-H) program managers which aims to coordinate and integrate local health systems into Province-wide and City-wide Health System through the passage of the R.A 11223 otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act. To further specify the general procedures and mechanism by which Local Government Units (LGUs), National Government Agencies and key stakeholders can integrate local health system into Provincial/City-wide Healthcare System Administrative Order No. 2020-0037, which contains the Guidelines in Implementation of the Local Health Systems Maturity Level (LHS-ML).



▪ **HEALTH PROMOTION / ADVOCACY**

NUTRITION MONTH CELEBRATION – July 2021: “MALNUTRISYON PATULUY NA LABANAN. FIRST 1000 DAYS TUTUKAN!”

In the midst of COVID-19 pandemic, Nutrition Officers from the IPHO and in the LGUs conducted the province-wide kickstart of the 47th Nutrition Month Celebration for the whole month of July. This year’s campaign promotes the first 1000 days as the most crucial stage in a child’s neurodevelopment and life-long mental health.



IPHO’s Nutrition Officers during the hanging of streamers and banners along the Isabela Provincial Capitol grounds. Pictures below show municipalities who also participated during the kickstart of the Nutrition Month celebration.



Municipality of San Agustin



Municipality of Reina Mercedes

“Todas Dengue, Todo na ‘to!” Ika-walong kagat
Bloodletting Activity – July 24, 2021

National Resilience Consciousness Month is celebrated every month of July is the National Blood Donors’ Month. As part of the advocacy on raising awareness about Dengue, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office organized the conduct of bloodletting activity participated by our uniformed personnel from PNP, and BFP.



IPHO’s National Blood Voluntary Service Program and Dengue Prevention and Control Program Coordinators spearheaded the activity together with Blood Bank Coordinators from GFNDMSH and Philippine National Red Cross-Isabela Chapter during bloodletting. The collaborative effort recorded a total of 144 bags of blood extracted.



Clean-up Drive – July 24, 2021

As one of the leading agencies in promoting awareness on Dengue Prevention and Control, the IPHO personnel along with GFNDSMH staff participated during the clean-up drive around the hospital and FHS Office premises.



Family Planning Month Celebration – October 2021

“Usap tayo sa Family Planning Atbp”

The month of August of every year has been designated as the National Family Planning month, a celebration that centers on the attainment of a better quality of life for the mother, the father and the family as a whole. To commemorate the event, three (3) LGUs were chosen for the conduct of Family Planning Month this October namely: San Mariano, San Mateo and Cabagan. The objective of the event is to provide FP information to Women of Reproductive Age with unmet needs as a basis for decision-making on the choice of family planning method to use.



The Provincial Health Office conducted Family Planning Month Celebration 2021 participated by Women of Reproductive Age (WRA) and their Husbands together with Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Leaders from the different municipalities of the Province of Isabela last October 27-29, 2021, for a total of 127 participants at San Mariano, San Mateo, and Cabagan.



The program is jampacked with lectures about the benefits and risks of Modern Family Planning Methods and services thereby improving their access to freely choose the methods they prefer. Aside from lectures, a simple question and answer took place in which all the participants enjoyed.

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