



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
Office of the Provincial Health Officer II

Significant Accomplishments of Field Health Services  
**May 5-9, 2014**

**“Handog Pagmamahal parasamgalsabeleños”**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Farmers Congress held at Alicia Community Center, Alicia, Isabela last April 30, 2014 of the Provincial Government in Collaboration with Isabela Provincial Health Office Medical Team headed by **Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano** PHO II and **Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro**, PHO I. In this activity, the team was composed of government doctors, dentist, nurses and midwives from Isabela Provincial Health Office and Alicia Rural Health Unit delivered an efficient public service in the cure and prevention of health for the 505 patients in Medical, 93 patients in Dental seen and 6 units of blood collected. This activity aimed to offer free health care services for the less fortunate Isabeleños in the barangay.

As an evidence of its continuous support for the health sector, another group of Farmer's Congress was organized at San Mateo Isabela which celebrated their Balatong Festival together with farmers Congress aim Medical/Dental mission last May 13, 2014 at the San Mateo Community Center. This Activity was highlighted with circumcision of 126 male children ages 8-12 with 199 medical cases and 30 dental clients. With the full support of the San Mateo Local Government Unit headed by the Municipal Mayor, Hon. Dr. Crispina Agcaoili and Hon. Roberto Agcaoili, Municipal Vice Mayor, It was also supported by San Mateo Rural Health Unit headed by Dr. Mark Lester Acosta. All of their tireless effort, made this activity successful.

This said pursuit was lead by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano PHO II together with Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro PHO I, along with doctors from Provincial Health Office and Cauayan District hospital headed by Dr. Oscar Caballero with dental services provided as well.



***"Doctors in Action"*** Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro ,PHO I-FHS, Dr. Janet T. Mamaradlo, Communicable Disease Coordinator, Dr. Marichu S. Manlongat, Non-Communicable Disease Coordinator, Dr. Arsen Benozo, Provincial Dentist II, Dr. Elena Buduan, Provincial Dentist III, Dr. Oscar Caballero, Chief of Hospital Cauayan District, Dr. Erlinda Ty, Medical Officer of Cauayan District Hospital together with Alicia Rural Health Unit Staff Headed by Dr. Jenifer Ramos.



*Gov.BojieDy heartily giving assistance to the local residents*



*In the view of the fact that its summer one of the acmes of this undertaking is the circumcision.*



*Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro addressing the health concerns of the local residents*





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**“Direct Sputum Smear Microscopy Training for Isabela Medical Technologists”**

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Manila, Philippines - The IMPACT Project funded the Training on Basic Course on Direct Sputum Smear Microscopy (DSSM) held at National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory (NTRL) on May 5-9, 2014. The 5-day intensive training was participated by the medical technologists from the different RHU'S and public / private hospitals in Isabela. The first 2 days of the training were intended for lectures on the important topics about Tuberculosis Program, DOTS Strategy and basic knowledge on microscope: maintenance and its proper handling. The lecturers from the NTRL stressed the importance of proper collection of specimen transport and storage, safety precautions and proper disposal, causes and sources of errors in microscopy, recording and reporting and the roles and functions of medical technologists / microscopists. The remaining 3 days were for the performance and developing the medical technologist's skills on smearing, staining and microscopy.

The purpose of the training is to enhance the capability of the medical technologist/microscopist in performing DSSM to achieve high accuracy and reliability of TB diagnosis for the successful implementation of the National Tuberculosis Program (NTP). The medical technologist of every DOTS facility, who will perform the DSSM must be competent and equipped with necessary knowledge on TB control.

At the end of the training, the participants who successfully attended and complied with the requirements of the course were issued a *Certificate of Training*. The grateful participants appreciative of the additional learning's are expected to apply the skills they acquired in performing quality DSSM in their respective work areas.

The National Tuberculosis Program of every country, specifically those with high burden Tuberculosis aims to control the disease through early detection and treatment of infectious cases in the community. Sputum Smear Examination is the primary diagnostic tool to identify TB cases. It is the simplest, most reliable and cost effective tool for diagnosing Tuberculosis. This procedure is also used to monitor patient's response to chemotherapy.



The participants with the Trainers from NTRL



Ms. Ana Jane Pagalilauan, MedTech II from  
PHO Isabela receives her *Certificate of Training*

**World Malaria Day Celebration:**  
**“Invest in the Futures, Defeat Malaria”**  
***Agdadanggay Tayo Nga Isabelinos, Paksyaten Ti Malaria***  
 April 29, 2014

Sitio Villa Miranda, Brgy. Dibuluan, San Mariano, Isabela - In April 29, 2014, the municipality of San Mariano celebrated World Malaria Day to provide education and understanding of malaria. The activity spread information on yearlong intensified implementation of the malaria program and made people aware of community based activities for malaria prevention and treatment in endemic areas.

The activities were well attended by the community people led by the Barangay Captain and facilitated by the RHU staff headed by the Municipal Health Officer, as well as the PSFI and PHO-FHS staff.



**Mr. Randy Bulan, Barangay Captain of Dibuluan, San Mariano, Isabela gives his concise opening remarks at Sitio Villa Miranda**



**Ms. Daisy Atrero, Cluster Head, Region II talks on the significance of preventing malaria and the Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc.-LGUs-DOH-PHO partnership in fighting Malaria in Isabela.**



**Ms. Jonalyn Dumlao Medical Technologist of Rural Health Unit San Mariano, takes blood samples from the clients**





**Mr. Emerson Viernes, Nurse of RHU San Mariano lectured on malaria facts and fallacies, then Ms. Dolores Lorenzo Provincial Malaria Coordinator discusses the importance of prevention and control of malaria in the community to the local residents**



**Dr. Almira L. Reyes, Municipal Health Officer, RHU-San Mariano gives updates on the present malaria status of San Mariano, the number one municipality with the highest malaria cases in 2013**



**Pabilisan sa Tamang Pagkabit ng Kulambo Contest and Pabilisan sa Pagtahi ng Napunit na Kulambo Contest**



**Community people (mothers and fathers) participate in the community quiz.**

**Awarding of Prizes to the winning contestants and consolation prizes given to non-winners**

