



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

Significant Accomplishments of Field Health Services

**"Handog Pagmamahal para sa Isabeleños"**

May 16, 2014

Benito Soliven, Isabela - As a continuous run-through, the Isabela Provincial Government led by Gov. Bojie Dy brought the *Farmer's Congress* in the town of Benito Soliven last May 16, 2014. On the health sector, the *Farmer's Congress* aims to provide better health programs and services to Isabeleños. Under the indefatigable leadership of Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, Provincial Health Officer II, utmost efforts from the Provincial Health Office-Field Health Services, RHU and San Mariano Community Hospital generated more health care services. As it is in the peak of summer, boys ages 8-11 gathered up for circumcision, a yearly practice for these little men, to "Man Up".

The program was graced by the presence of Hon. Ana Cristina Go, Congresswoman of District II and Hon. Faustino "Don-Don" Dy IV, Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Also doctors, dentists, nurses and midwives from Provincial Health Office-Field Health Services and other district hospitals were present. The Medical – Dental Mission served **896** medical cases, **216** dental clients and accomplished **74** circumcisions.



Hon. Bojie Dy conveys his incessant support for the Farmers Congress "Handog Pagmamahal Para sa Isabeleños" offering enhanced health care services



**Dr. Arsen C. Benoza, Dentist II,  
Dr. Elena G. Buduan, Dentist III  
and Dr. Janet T. Mamaradlo,  
Chief of Hospital I attend to their  
patients' needs**

#### **"Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) – Initial Round"**

May 13 & 16, 2014

Ilagan City - The Isabela Provincial Government through its Provincial Evaluation Team (PET) in coordination with the National Nutrition Council (NNC) holds its annual **Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI)** in the different municipalities/cities in the province that have shown excellence in nutrition program implementation in their respective municipalities scheduled on May 13 to June 06, 2014.

MELLPI is a monitoring and evaluation system established by the NNC in 1979 which aims to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of local and nutrition-related activities implemented at the local level. It aims to measure changes in the nutritional status of children, determine the extent to which nutrition is integrated into local development plans and programs, and advocate for the continuing support for local nutrition programs.

Likewise, in conjunction with the MELLPI, the PET also evaluates the performance of the **Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS)**. The BNSs are the barangay-based volunteers tasked to coordinate the delivery of basic nutrition and related services in their respective area of assignments. Both the MELLPI and BNS evaluation are institutionalized activities since 1979 of the national and local nutrition committees.

The cities of Ilagan and Cauayan were the first areas that were monitored and evaluated by the Provincial Evaluation Team last May 13 (Ilagan) and May 16 (Cauayan) respectively, in preparation for the regional evaluation that will be conducted on the second week of June 2014.

### City of Ilagan, Isabela



**The Provincial Evaluation Team during the Monitoring and Evaluation at the City of Ilagan last May 13, 2014 as Ms. Linette Blanco, Nutrition Officer of the city present to the team the City Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP).**



***"Operation Timbang"* at Brgy. Baculud, City of Ilagan (upper left/right). Ms. Eleanor Purisima, PNC Secretariat, reviews the documents prepared by the Barangay Nutrition Committee (lower left) and discusses to the members of the committee the aims of MELLPI (lower right).**



**During the Monitoring and Evalution at Brgy. Malalam, City of Ilagan, Isabela.** The Brgy. Captain discusses with the team the prevalence of malnutrition in the area. The team also evaluates the performance of the Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) who is tasked to coordinate the delivery of basic nutrition services in the area.

### **Cauayan City, Isabela**



**Cauayan City on its first year of maintenance as holder of the Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN).** The Provincial Evaluation Team (PET) provides technical assistance for maintenance of its services



**The team assesses progress of plan implementation at Bgry. Minante II, Cauayan City.** The team also interviews the BNS regarding Income Generating Project (IGP) involving the mothers of malnourished children in the area.



**At Brgy. San Antonio, Cauayan City, the evaluators assess the barangay's good nutrition records, the problem tree and the presence of Nutrition Action Plan.**



**During the monitoring and evaluation at Brgy. Dabburab, Cauayan City: The team provides the nutritional committee some technical inputs and suggests measures on how to further improve their nutritional status. The photo in the upper right is one of the Income Generating Project (IGP) spearheaded by the BNS in the barangay. Another IGP in the area is the "Gulayan sa Barangay (lower photos).**

## **“Joint Action Planning Workshop”**

May 14, 2014

Highlander Hotel, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya - Last May 14, 2014, a Joint Action Planning Workshop was conducted and attended at the Highlander Hotel, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya by the PHO-NTP Core team of Isabela headed by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, 5 Municipal Health Officers , 12PHN's, 1RHM and the Diocese of Ilagan represented by Ms. Luk in partnership with the DOH Reg. 2 and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines EPISCOPAL COMISSION ON HEALTH CARE (CBCP-ECHC) represented by their Executive Secretary-Director in the person of Fr. Dan Vincent Cancino, Jr. MI, it was funded by the IMPACT project through PBSP.

The objectives of this meeting were the following:

- Discuss the objectives and mechanics of the partnerships between the PHO, LGUs and the Diocese of Isabela for local TB program implementation
- Prepare joint action plans and targets for the specific RHUs and counterpart Parishes in particular municipalities
- Establish the coordination and referral mechanism.

IMPACT Project objective is to contribute to the improvement of CDR and CR in Isabela for all forms of TB including MDR TB, the Strategy to achieve this objective is to strengthen participation of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and local groups to help in Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization. Indeed, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines Episcopal Commission on Health Care (CBCP-ECHC) responded positively to IMPACT invitation and expressed its commitment of support to the strategy. CBCP-ECHC and the Diocese of Ilagan commit to assist LGUs/RHUs in finding TB cases and help in ensuring successful treatment of TB patients with the participation of the Diocese of Ilagan parish coordinators and volunteers. IMPACT and CBCP agreed to provide technical assistance to strengthen the partnership between the PHO, LGUs and the Diocese.

Fr. Dan Vincent Cancino Jr. MI, the Executive Secretary-Director CBCP-ECHC presented to the group one of their mission which is committing themselves to promote and assist in the establishment of Pastoral Health Care Commissions in the dioceses and parishes. A Eucharistic Mass was celebrated by Fr. Dan Vincent right after the closing program.



**Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, PHO II, welcomes and acknowledges all the participants and partners who attended the joint meeting/workshop**



**Mr. Mario Articona, the Community Mobilization Specialist of IMPACT discuss to the group the activity overview, joint action planning workshops and the proposed referral mechanism**