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PROVINCE OF ISABELA
Office of the Provincial Health Officer II

Significant Accomplishments of Field Health Services

“Validation for Certification of Health Facilities with Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) Capacity Orientation Workshop”

June 5-6, 2014

Monte Carlo Hotel, Santiago City – Certification standards assure health care provider safety and confidence in the implementation of programs that have a clear scope of practice. Though a certification process, equipment and infrastructure services coupled with the health professional’s requisite knowledge and skills are assessed to pave the way towards providing quality, culturally relevant, appropriate care for women, newborn and child-bearing families.

The Regional Office II took a bold step to fully conduct orientation programs among all newly appointed Development Management Officers (DMOs) in the whole region to ensure their competence by understanding clearly the validation forms in the assessment of BEmONC facilities. Dr. Elsie Pintucan, Provincial Health Team Leader of Isabela from DOH-RO II and MNCHN Medical Coordinator actively led the orientation program.

As the target for the attainment of Millennium Development Goals related to maternal and newborn care is fast moving forward, one of the critical programs being conducted is Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC), a training program wherein all rural health units and public hospitals are capable of performing and attending normal deliveries with up-to-date management for emergency maternal and newborn conditions which will subsequently contribute to reduction of maternal and neonatal mortality rates. These BEmONC-capable facilities shall then be validated by the DMOs in close partnership with PHO team using sets of assessment tools to ensure that quality maternal and newborn care protocols are consistently implemented in the whole region. Finally, result shall be made as a basis for the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance, one of the licensing requirements issued by DOH-Region II Licensing Division prior to operate as a birthing facility. It was participated by thirty three (33) DMOs from the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, and Quirino. To further enrich their capabilities, the two-day activity consisted of didactic lectures on the 1st day and actual practicum using the assessment tools at RHU-Ramon and City Health Office of Santiago was designed.

Veteran’s Regional Hospital (VRH), the training provider for BEmONC in Region 02 represented by Dr. Melchor dela Cruz, the training head acted as resource speaker, while Rhodora D. Santos, Maternal and Newborn Health Nurse Coordinator from PHO-Isabela helped execute the activity as one of the facilitators who tackled the “*Roles of PHO on BEmONC*”.



Using the assessment tool, Rhodora Santos, MCH Coordinator from PHO-Isabela guides the DMOs during the interview with the BEmONC- trained midwife of RHU-Ramon, Isabela.

A group of DMOs from Quirino and Isabela conduct the sample interview with the public health nurse of RHU-Ramon. Mrs. Santos from PHO and Mrs. Ragasa from DOH-RO II both listen to determine proper use of the tool.



“No worries with ABTC”

Animal Bite Treatment Center(ABTC) Accreditation
June 4 - 5, 2014

San Mariano and Ramon, Isabela-To provide a better health and quality care for all Isabeleños, the Provincial Health Office – Field Health Service in coordination with the Department of Health Regional Office II, assisted the accreditation of Animal Bite Treatment Center(ABTC's) last June 4-5, 2014 in Rural Health Units of San Mariano and Ramon, Isabela. Under the sterling leadership of Dr. Edgar G. Peleo, Regional Rabies Coordinator, Ms.Remedios S. Peleo, Nurse IV Regional Office, together with Mr. Blaise Mar Castañeda, Provincial Rabies Coordinator and Mr. Edwin R. Melad Jr, Alternate Program Coordinator at the Provincial Health Office, the evaluation took place which aims to reduce the incidence of human rabies as well as eliminating rabies among animals and to increase awareness on rabies control prevention program in the community. Dr. Edgar G. Peleo, Regional Rabies Coordinator discussed the three significant requirements on how to pass the accreditation of ABTC. Firstly, the Rural Health Physician and the nurse must have undergone the *Training on Animal Bite Management* under the Department of Health (DOH), second, they must have the knowledge in maintaining the Cold Chain System and equipment such as refrigerator and vaccine carrier to maintain vaccine potency. Lastly, they should know the standards of recording and reporting system of animal bite cases in their areas.

Finally, ABTC at Rural Health Unit of San Mariano passed the standards with flying colors, garnering 61 points while ABTC RHU Ramon gained 56 points from the passing score of 50 points set by Department of Health. Therefore, RHUs of San Mariano and Ramon are now certified Animal Bite Treatment Centers!

San Mariano, Isabela

Courtesy call to Dr. Almira L. Reyes, Municipal Health Officer, San Mariano.



Conference meeting led by Dr. Edgar G. Peleo, Regional Rabies Coordinator as he discuss about the DOH-ABTC assessment tool, emphasizing on the three (3) major requirements in certifying Animal Bite Treatment Center.



The random checking of each criterion as Dr. Reyes looks on to make sure that all of the standards of Department of Health (DOH) is achieved or not.

Ramon, Isabela



Courtesy call to Dr. Leo S. Gabriel Municipal Health Officer Ramon.



Dr. Leo Gabriel joins the DOH and PHO team and two other staff of RHU Ramon while having the inspection and evaluation.



During the exit conference with Dr. Leo Gabriel where discussion of findings, feedbacks and recommendations were reported.

"Rabies Investigation"

June 6, 2014

Gamu, Isabela-The Provincial Health Office spearheaded by Blaise Mar Castañeda Provincial Rabies Coordinator, Arlene Martinez Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit Coordinator and Edwin Melad Jr Nurse visited the municipality of Gamu to conduct an investigation about a death case caused by rabies.

Rabies continues to be a public health problem in the Philippines. The country is one of the top 10 countries with rabies problem. It is responsible for the deaths of 200 to 300 Filipinos per year. One of the cases related to rabies that was investigated happened at District 3 Gamu, Isabela last June 6, 2014. The investigation was given an immediate attention due to the following purposes: to trace the cause of death, to identify the family members who have been exposed to the casualty of rabies, to provide necessary precautions for the prevention of acquisition of such disease; and for proper information dissemination.

Health teaching was done such as; the start of symptoms will usually be one to three months; however it can vary from less than one week to more than one year. Rabies is a viral disease that causes acute inflammation of the brain in humans and other warm-blooded animals. The duration of time and the bite site must be well-thought-out before the virus reaches the central nervous system. Emphasis was given about the early symptoms which include fever and tingling sensation at the site of exposure. If rabies is left untreated it may result to intensification of the virus in the clients body and is manifested by violent movements, uncontrolled excitement, fear of water (Hydrophobia) and Air (Aerophobia), and soon after, the victim will experience confusion and loss of consciousness. When these symptoms appear it will gradually progress and eventually result to death.



Courtesy call to Barangay Captain of District 3 Gamu, Isabela.



**Feedbacking of findings to Dr. Erasmo Cruz
Municipal Health Officer Gamu, Isabela.**

“Measles Investigation”

May 29, 2014

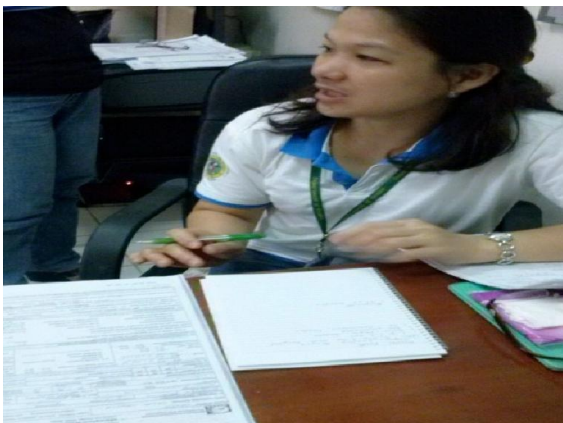
Bliss Village, City of Ilagan-Vaccine preventable disease (VPD) surveillance under the umbrella of the Philippine Integrated Disease and Response (PIDSR) operates with an objective of improving the quality of disease surveillance nationwide. The goal is to improve the capacity of health system through timely detection and appropriate response to disease and conditions with high level of morbidity, disability and mortality.

Due to suspect measles case reported by Gov. Faustino N. Dy Sr. Memorial Hospital in Bliss Village, City of Ilagan, the Provincial Health Office through its Surveillance Unit joined the National Epidemiology Council (NEC), Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit in close coordination with the City Health Office of Ilagan conducted an in-depth investigation to validate the situation last May 29, 2014.

Measles is a highly contagious viral infection characterized by a generalized rash and high fever, accompanied by cough, red eyes and runny nose, lasting five (5) six (6) days. The illness typically begins with a rash on face and then move down to the body and may include the palms and the hands and on the feet. People afflicted with the virus can spread the infection for four (4) days after the rash sets in.



Courtesy call to Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano prior to the investigation by Ms. Dulce Efla from the National Epidemiology Council and Ms. Berneve Cambri from Regional Epidemiology Unit.



Ms. Dulce Efla from the National Epidemiology Council, validates the suspect measles cases of Ilagan together with the City Health Office Staff.



Courtesy call to Dr. Herbee Barrios, City Health Officer by Ms. Dulce Efla from the National Epidemiology Council and Engr. Arnel Noriega from Provincial Epidemiology Unit.

“Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI)”

May 13 – June 06, 2014

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 last 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)**. Both the MELLPI and BNS evaluation are institutionalized activities since 1979 of the national and local nutrition committees. The MELLPI also designed to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments in their part of planning and implementing local nutrition programs in the said municipalities as well as the performance of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars based on Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP). An interview with the local chief executives, members of the nutrition committees as well as other functionaries especially at the barangay level have been conducted by the team to provide qualitative data that will complement and supplement the information attained from the score sheets and reference documents. The **Provincial Nutrition Evaluation Team (PNET)** led by the Isabela Provincial Health Office-Nutrition Division, in collaboration with the interagency evaluation team has been roving around the province since middle week of May. The team also did validation weighing of at least 10% of the total preschool children of the sampled barangay and assessed the changes in the weight status of the LGUs' preschool and school children who are the main beneficiaries of their nutrition program. The team as well searched for any nutrition best practices/projects present in these LGUs and as a matter of policy, only areas with nutrition action plans can vie for the award as outstanding municipality in a province or region.

City of Ilagan, Isabela



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



Picture shows the 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).



Taken during the Monitoring and Evaluation at Brgy. Malalam, City of Ilagan, Isabela in the presence of the Brgy. Captain where he 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



A visit was made at Cauayan City by the Provincial Evaluation Team (PET) for technical assistance as the city is on its first year of maintenance as holder of the Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN).



The team assess progress of plan implementation at Bgry. Minante II, Cauayan City. An interview with the Barangay Nutrition Scholars(BNS) regarding her Income Generating Project (IGP) was asked involving the mothers of malnourished children

San Isidro, Isabela



The BNS during their interview and evaluation at the Barangay level (left photo). The Municipal Health Officer while discussing with the PNET the strengths and weaknesses of their programs, policies and project achievements (right photo).

Cabagan, Isabela



The team while checks the different projects initiated by the Nutrition Council and made a desk review of all their nutrition records.

San Pablo, Isabela



The scores and evaluation visit assessment of the LGU's nutrition records, consistent performance, and the support of the local chief executive.

Tumauini, Isabela



The BNS explains the problem tree of the malnourished preschool children in the area. Feed backing was done after the evaluation for appropriate action.

San Manuel, Isabela



The team posed with Dr. Brendalyn Gallego, MHO after the evaluation in the municipal level (left). The evaluators meticulously check every data presented by the BNS to ensure that the delivery of basic nutrition and related services in her respective area of assignment has been achieved.

San Mariano, Isabela



The Evaluation Team as they review the Municipal Nutrition Action Plan (MNAP), municipal evaluation wall charts and the Annual Budget Report of the municipality (left). The BNS of Brgy. Bitabian presents to the evaluators the problem tree and the trend of malnutrition in her area (right).

Angadanan, Isabela



Dialogue with Mayor Lourdes Panganiban regarding the outreach activities undertaken by their municipality relative to the local nutrition action plan, funds expanded as well as the management and support given by the local chief executives and other implementing agencies (left). The barangay evaluators as they assess the accomplishment report of the designated BNS in Barangay Centro 3 (right).

Mallig, Isabela



The representatives from DepEd Isabela study the result of 2013 Operation Timbang among School Children in the area.

Quezon, Isabela



The Barangay Evaluators were busy interviewing the BNS of Barangay Samonte regarding her master list of clients for various programs and her monthly accomplishment report. They also examine the presence of Spot Map of the Barangay.