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As the ultimate provider of quality health services in the province, the Provincial Health Office workforce continues to uphold its mission to ensure accessible delivery of an integrated and sustainable health services in collaboration with government agencies and development partners for all Isabeleños, especially the poor and marginalized groups.

With much enthusiasm, the following activities were carried out:

**“Promising Practices for Engaged -Community Health Partners in TB Control Program”**  
February 25-28, 2014

Gamu, Isabela – The Center for Health Development-Cagayan Valley through the Provincial Health Office conducted a two-day orientation program for 93\_Barangay Health Workers, or the so called “Engaged- Community Health Partners “from 23 municipalities province-wide to help in the control of Tuberculosis in entire Region 02, specifically in the province of Isabela at Piazza Zicarelli, Hotel & Restaurant.

The objective is to acquire knowledge, appropriate attitudes and skills so as to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of TB symptomatic clients as advocacy Implementers and treatment partners of TB. The first Batch of 45 participants came from Cabagan, D. Albano, Ilagan, Aurora, Burgos, Sn. Pablo, St. Maria, Sto. Tomas, Tumauni, San. Agustin & B. Soliven and the second batch of 48 participants from Gamu, Mallig, Naguillian, Quezon, Quirino, San Isidro, Roxas, San Manuel, San Mariano, Alicia, Dinapigue & Angadanan.

Over the years, Tuberculosis remains to be a major health challenge due to its magnitude, social and economic impacts among those persons afflicted with it as well as to their families. The activity entitled, **“TB Patrol/ TB Alert Orientation”** was mainly focused on the empowering roles and skills of barangay health workers as frontliners in the grassroots thru Active Case Finding, Case Holding and Treatment Compliance in early detection and control of Tuberculosis.

Initially, basic facts about the disease were provided including identification of cases among vulnerable groups, mechanism of the incentive scheme and its synchronization to the concept, “Cough to Cure Pathway”.

This initiative comes after the Field Health Service Information System (FHSIS) of PHO Isabela revealed that TB Case Detection Rate (CDR) is 66% compared to DOH target of 90% and TB Cure Rate (CR) at 82 % from the DOH target of 85% and as a bold strategy to reduce the TB prevalence and death rates by 50% by 2015.



Basic information such as disease causation and mode of transmission of TB were handled by Ms. Rowena Nuesa, TB Program Provincial Coordinator.



Ms. Lourdes dela Cruz, BHW Coordinator from PHO discusses their roles as advocates of TB control program.



Ms. Lulu Nario, Provincial HEPO, shares some tips on effective counseling



During the return - demonstration thru role-playing of BHWs on “How to Advocate TB program to Barangay officials”



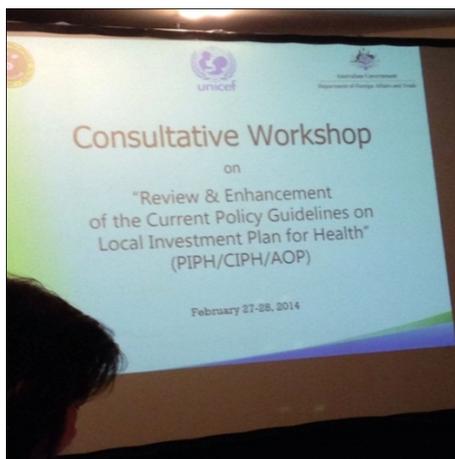
The 1<sup>st</sup> batch of BHWs and the facilitators from CHDCV and PHO wear the TB Advocacy shirt as a manifestation of their support to the program.

## “Health Investment for Sustained Health Programs”

February 27-28, 2014

Crowne Plaza Galleria, Ortigas, Pasig City – Over the past years, all local government units and the DOH signed a Memorandum of Agreement that detailed a comprehensive Province-wide Investment Plan for Health (PIPH) which reflects the priority projects, targets and budgets. With devolution, it motioned all local-government units to take active role to strategically manage their own scarce resources for health initiatives.

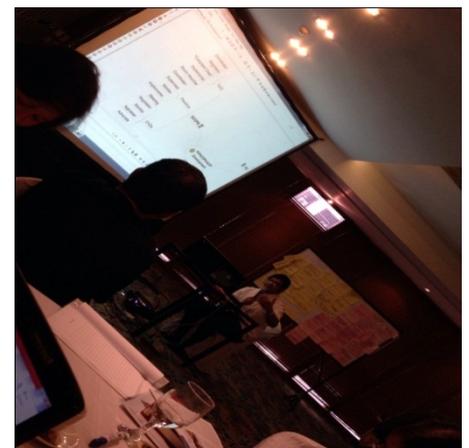
As the Provincial Health Office, under the supportive leadership of the current administration strives to raise the quality of health services guided by national targets and standards, the Department of Health with UNICEF took the lead to convene all Provincial Health Officers with the PHO Technical team in the region for the **Consultative Workshop on the Review/Enhancement of Investment Plan for Health Guidelines**. Since the DOH is in the process of revisiting the current local investment plan for health guidelines, procedures and planning matrices, the workshop aims to generate feedback, ideas, and insights from LGUs who have a better view and understanding of their health situation as well as to intensify sense of ownership.



Held in Crowne Plaza Galleria in Ortigas Pasig City dated Feb. 27-28, 2014. Participants nationwide consisted of PHOs, CHDs, HUCs, and LGUs, some finance committee and PPDO in other regions.



Participants actively provided their insights using Meta cards as they posted the facilitating and hindering factors in the freedom wall.



Mr. Lester A. Anuevo, Planning Officer II - CHD Region IVB, one of the participants explained the road map of DOH-CHD, LGU/PLGU and HUC working together as one in making PIPH/CIPH and AOP guidelines.



The group called 4 seasons (consists of MIMAROPA Region, HUCs (Mandaluyong, San Juan, and Manila), Romblon and Isabela during the workshop as they assess some areas in the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) guidelines which need to be revised.



Mr. Glenn Roy Paraso - First Pacific Leadership Academy (FPLA) consultant explained some areas of assessment, as basis in the technical assistance between CHD and LGU.



Group 4 (Seasons) discussing the hindering and facilitating factors of having PIPH/CIPH and AOP.



Isabela participants composed of our Provincial Health Officer II Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, Ms. Patria P. Bagaoisan, Nurse IV and Ms. Eloisa P. Foz, technical staff.

## PasaDOH ba ang DATA natin?

February 25-28, 2014

Provincial Health Office, Ilagan City- Covering the year 2013 program accomplishments, the PHO Technical team has sustained its initiative to continue with the simultaneous conduct of **Data Quality Check(DQC)**, a three-day workshop with the end-goal of generating valid and reliable data for sound health sector intervention. This simultaneous activity is under the active partnership with USAID-LuzonHealth and four municipalities namely, Benito Soliven, Cauayan I & II, and Reina Mercedes represented by Rural Health Unit personnel.

Using the different program standards as benchmarks for Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) and Family Planning, the team meticulously reviewed the records of rural health midwives and provided technical assistance on proper recording and reporting.

“All health workers must practice the DQC standards as a reflection of our competence in the discharge of our duties”commented one senior nurse during the exit conference where reflections were solicited.

With the developed action plan which serves as a commitment springboard among the health personnel, it is strongly recommended that Data Quality Check Workshop be institutionalized in every RHU as a way towards full and efficient implementation of the Field Health Service Information System (FHSIS).



The PHO technical team during the 3-day Data Quality Check(DQC) Workshop conducted at Cauayan City Health Office II last February 25-27, 2014.



Having a reliable and valid data is very important. This was reiterated by the USAID-LUZON HEALTH Representative as he discussed the result of the DQC Workshop to RHU staff.



Team B during the Data Quality Check as they reviewed the Target Client Lists, the building block of the Health Information System (HIS) at RHU- Benito Soliven last February 25-27, 2014.

## “Charity Begins at Home “

February 27, 2014

Municipal Hall Astrodome, Roxas, Isabela – Guided by its mandate to provide quality health care, the Provincial government of Isabela with the Provincial Health Office as the implementing department under the supervision of two dynamic Provincial Health Officers, Dr. Filemon S. Donato and Dr. Arlene Lazaro once again unselfishly devoted their expertise in the field of medicine with 12 physicians and 4 dentists and other health personnel of Manuel A. Roxas District Hospital. This year’s **4<sup>th</sup> Farmer’s Congress sa Barangay** is in close coordination and partnership with the LGU of Roxas and its health sector headed by Dr. Mila Garcia, the Municipal Health Officer. Services rendered were free medical and Dental check-up and Blood Donation drive to guarantee sufficient supply of safe blood within the province, both of which are humanitarian acts for our fellow Isabelenos living in the Mallig Plains.

The activity culminated with much success as the team were able to examine 545 medical patients, 175 dental patients and 26 units of blood collected from the donors.



Dr. Elena Buduan from PHO catering for the patients with oral health problem together with the Dentists from MARDH



Taken at Manuel A. Roxas District Hospital under the leadership of Dr. Nelson Paguirigan and Doctors from IPHO also participated in the Medical Mission. In line with this program, Blood letting was also rendered by Blood Bank Staff of GFNDY Memorial Hospital which was led by Dr. Filemon Donato.