	ISABELA PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE	MARCH
		Month
	Accomplishment Report	2023
		Year

FOCUS AREA

PROGRAM/ PROJECT/ACTIVITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS/REMARKS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS
<p><u>COVID – 19 Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment, and Reintegration (PDITR)</u></p> <p>One Isabela COVID-19 Command Center (OICCC)</p>	<p>The One Isabela COVID-19 Command Center 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. Also, provide a proper and prompt referral to the Provincial Department of Health Office (PDOHO) for severe and critical cases require admission to identified COVID-19 referral hospitals, namely SIMC and CVMC.</p>	<p>A total number of calls/referrals received by the OICCC from March 1 – 31, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total referrals catered : 0 • Total number of patients catered per COVID-19 classification: 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspect – 0 Probable – 0 Confirmed – 0 • Total number of patients catered per COVID-19 severity: 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asymptomatic – 0 Mild – 0 Moderate – 0 Severe - 0 • Total number of patients referred per facility preference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government – 0 Private – 0

COVID-19 VACCINATION

Number of individuals (per category) inoculated with COVID-19 vaccines catered by the IPHO's Vaccination Team for the month of March 2023.

CATEGORY	PRIMARY		BOOSTER	
	1 st Dose	2 ND Dose	1 ST Dose	2 ND Dose
A1 (Frontline Health Care Workers)	0	1	10	107
A2 (Senior Citizens)	0	0	0	1
A3 (Immunocompromised, with Co-morbidities)	0	0	4	12
Expanded A3 (Pregnant Women)	0	0	0	0
A4 (Essential Frontline Workers)	0	1	9	0
A5 (Indigent Population)	0	1	1	0
ROAP (Rest of Adult Population)	1	0	11	0
PA3 5-11	0	0	0	0
ROPP 5- 11 (Rest of Pediatric Population)	0	0	0	0
PA3 12-17	0	0	0	0
ROPP 12-17	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	*1	*3	*35	*120

Table 1. The Integrated Provincial Health Office's vaccination team situated at the IPHO compound inoculated a total of 159 individuals catering to the eligible population on a daily schedule as shown in the table above.

Source: Vaccine Operation and Reporting System (VORS)

Infectious Disease Cluster

National Tuberculosis Control Program

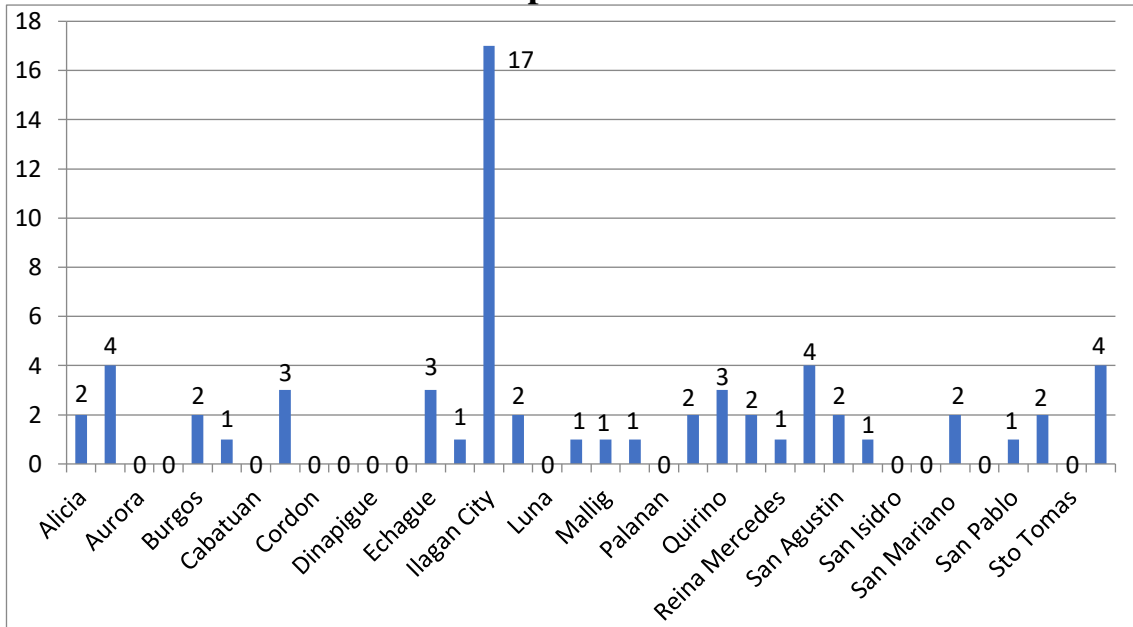
Attended and Completed the Direct Sputum Smear Microscopy Training of Trainers at Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM) Compound, Alabang, Muntinlupa City (March 20-24, 2023)

To produce a pool of competent trainers from different regions who will conduct the training of implementers due to the increase in the demand of health care workers on Direct Sputum Smear Microscopy; as one of the requirements for the accreditation of laboratories to Philhealth in line with the Universal Health Coverage Act.

IPHO's Medical Technologist, Ms. Rica Anna L. Valdez along with other Medical Technologists from Region II attended the Direct Sputum Smear Microscopy Training of Trainers. Participants have undergone series of lectures on Smear Microscopy, Biosafety and Quality Control in TB Microscopy Laboratory, Specimen Handling, Smearing and Staining, Microscopy Reading. To assess our participants' teaching skills, they were given topics to discuss apart from the Case Study Presentation. An actual laboratory practicum and moving exam in Smear Microscopy was also performed.

<p><u>Malaria Control Program</u></p> <p>Attended the Malaria Elimination and Manual of Procedures Training at Tuguegarao City, Cagayan (March 7-9, 2023)</p>	<p>Conducted by the CVCHD and in partnership with Pilipinas Shell Foundation Incorporated to orient and re-orient Malaria Program Coordinators on treatment protocols and control measures to further eliminate malaria in the region; to finalize needed documents for the declaration of the Province of Isabela as Malaria-Free Province by year 2023.</p>	<p>IPHO's Provincial Malaria Program Coordinators and Medical Technologist attended the 3-day training with the following agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review and intensify case finding capacities; • To review diagnostic capacities; • To establish recording and reporting system; • To strengthen investigation capacities; • To re-establish real-time, digitalized recording and reporting using the Online Malaria Information System (OLMIS) • Reconstruction of diagnostics and treatment facilities
<p><u>Dengue Prevention and Control Program</u></p> <p>Attended the Meeting on the Creation of Dengue Death Committee Meeting at Tuguegarao City (March 13, 2023)</p>	<p>Conducted by the CVCHD and attended by Dengue Program Coordinators in PHOs and RHUs, PESOs/MESOs/HE SOs to create teams to conduct thorough investigation during the occurrence of dengue mortality in specific area. The creation of committee will aid to identify gaps, challenges, and interventions within the clinical case management.</p>	<p>Agreements during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To submit to CVCHD until December 2023 an Executive Order on the creation of Dengue Death Review Committee; • Dengue Death Review Committee in P/LGUs and DOH-retained hospitals shall be composed by the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ PHO/COHs/C/MHOs ➢ Dengue Program Coordinator ➢ Surveillance Officer ➢ Medical Technologist ➢ Health Education and Promotion Officer

Dengue Suspect Cases as of March 2023 62 Suspected Cases



Source: Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSRS)

Non-Communicable Disease Cluster

<p>Conducted Program Monitoring on Non-Communicable Disease and Mental Health Program at RHU Echague, RHU San Agustin, and RHU San Manuel (March 10, 14, 21, 2023)</p>	<p>To track the progress of implementation of NCD and Mental Health Programs in RHUs.</p>	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To update diagnoses and medications prescribed to service users of Mental Health Program To request to CVCHD for the augmentation of Mental Health Drugs; To conduct Mental Health Caravan and Advocacy Campaign on May 2023 for the “Usapang Pangkaisipan for Barangay Health Workers” To sustain availability of NCD Meds; To activate their Tobacco Cessation Clinic
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Family Health Cluster		
<p><u>Maternal and Newborn Health Program</u></p> <p>Facilitated the Newborn Screening Training Practical Examination at RHU Quirino (March 30, 2022)</p>	<p>As a sequel of the Newborn Screening Training conducted last December 2022. The Practical Examination was conducted in order to motivate parents to participate in the medical management of their newborn.</p>	<p>Ms. Anna Kharen T. Guillermo, Newborn Screening Program Coordinator of the IPHO, emphasized the following salient steps in performing Newborn Screening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specimen collection should be immediately after birth or should not pass 24 hours after delivery; • Significance of NBS; • Parents who refuse of the screening should fill out the refusal form; • Ensure verified and correct information of the mother and the newborn using two (2) identifiers; • Always check the expiration date of the NBS Filter Paper • Complete the needed information of patient in the filter card for the interpretation of results and for immediate recall of patients on the result of screening.
<p><u>National Immunization Program</u></p> <p>Conducted Coordination Meeting and Orientation on HPV Launching at Cauayan City (CHO I, II, & III), and City of Ilagan (CHO I & II)</p>	<p>To orient healthcare workers of various City Health Offices on School-based Immunization Program on Human Papiloma Virus Vaccination for elementary pupils between the ages of 9-14 years old.</p>	<p>Ms. Patria P. Bagaoisan and Ms. Chamille Jayne F. Claravall, NIP Coordinators of the IPHO, visited the City Health Offices of Cauayan and City of Ilagan for the orientation and coordination meeting. Result of the meeting are as follows:</p> <p><u>Cauayan City</u> Proposed date of activity: March 9, 2023 Pilot Site: Cauayan South Central School</p> <p><u>City of Ilagan</u> Proposed date of activity: March 22, 2023 Pilot Site: Ilagan East SPED Center</p>

<p>Attended the HPV Launching Program at Cauayan City and City of Ilagan (March 9, 2023 and March 22, 2023)</p>	<p>This is in close coordination between the Integrated Provincial Health Office the Schools Division Offices of Cauayan City and City of Ilagan for the launching of School-based HPV Immunization in the province with the tagline “<i>Sa Aming Paglaki Walang HPV</i>”.</p>	<p><u>March 9, 2023 – Cauayan South Central School</u></p> <p>Dr. Mary Chiles T. Cruz, FPOGS provided a brief discussion on HPV highlighting that it is the most common cause of all forms of Cervical Cancer among women, thus vaccination among young adolescents against HPV is recommended to reduce cancer risks later in life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85 female learners (9-14 years old) <p><u>March 22, 2023 – Ilagan East Integrated SPED Center</u></p> <p>Dr. Manette Espinoza, Obstetrician Gynecologist, discussed all about HPV and the benefits of HPV vaccination among the eligible group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 female learners (9-14 years old) from Ilagan East SPED Center and Alinguigan 2nd Central School.
<p>Orientation on Measles Rubella-Oral Polio Vaccine Supplemental Immunization Activity at Cauayan City, Isabela (March 7, 2023)</p>	<p>A face-to-face orientation attended by NIP Coordinators and Data Managers in partnership between the Cagayan Valley Center for Health Development and the Integrated Provincial Health Office for the nationwide immunization campaign against measles, rubella, and polio scheduled for rollout from May 1-31, 2023.</p>	<p>Ms. Chamille Jayne F. Claravall, NIP Provincial Coordinator, presented the annual vaccination status for routine immunization of the province. Part of her presentation is the Interim Guidelines stipulated in the DOH DM 2022-0585 focusing on the preparatory activities using microplan template and readiness assessment tool as guide to efficiently implement the campaign.</p> <p>Ms. Jermaine Farah Cepeda, NIP Regional Coordinator and Dr. Elias Alemu of the World Health Organization are also in attendance answering queries, issues and concerns from our participants.</p> <p><u>Issues Raised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In case the schedule of routine immunization falls within the SIA, where will be the accomplishment recorded? • Deferral of children with active TB per guidelines. • If a child is not eligible to receive Vitamin A supplement, how should it be reported?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In cases of Refusal and Deferral, are they to be recorded and uploaded immediately? Considering that SIA is a month-long activity, what if these parents who refused were convinced at the latter implementation date of SIA? <p><u>Agreements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per DOH Central Office, SIA dose should be given. Routine dose should be given at least 28days to 1 month interval; They should complete the 2 month-intensive phase of treatment; • Children with diarrhea should be deferred from receiving bOPV; • All immunocompromised children should not be given any vaccine including children with active TB; • Refusals may not be uploaded; however a separate report should be submitted to PHO and CHD to address such with strategies specific to the reasons for refusal.
<p><u>Nutrition Program</u></p> <p>Facilitated the Training on Basic Course for Barangay Nutrition Scholars at Women’s Center, San Agustin, Isabela (<i>March 7-10, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>Spearheaded by the Municipal Nutrition Committee of San Agustin and in coordination with National Nutrition Council – Region 02, and Provincial Nutrition Council the conduct of the 4-day training for the Barangay Nutrition Scholars and Community-based volunteers.</p>	<p>Nutrition Officers from the Provincial Nutrition Office headed by Provincial Nutrition Action Officer, Ms. Henedina S. Cabrera were among the Resource Speakers along with other Resource Speakers from the National Nutrition Council – Region 02.</p> <p>NNC R02 presented the recent nutrition status of the municipality of San Agustin based on 2022 Operation Timbang Plus (OTP), San Agustin is among the top 20 municipalities with highest prevalence in the different malnutrition indicators and ranked 1st in terms of the prevalence of overweight and obesity in Region 2.</p> <p>46 community-based volunteers representing the 23 barangays</p>

		(composing of Barangay Nutrition Scholars and Barangay Health Workers) were among the key participants of the training.
<p><u>Adolescent Health and Development Program</u></p> <p>Attended the Teenage Pregnancy Symposium at Sta. Maria, Isabela (<i>March 20, 2023</i>)</p> <p>Attended the Adolescent Reproductive Health, Mental Health, and STI-HIV/AIDS Symposium at Gamu Agri-Fishery School, Gamu, Isabela (<i>March 13, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>Conducted by the LGU of Sta. Maria in celebration of the 2023 National Women’s Month to address the rising number of teenage mothers in the municipality.</p> <p>To enlighten the students by increasing their awareness on the risks, complications, and consequences of teenage pregnancy and acquiring sexually transmitted infections; to share and tackle concerns on mental health issues and to reduce the stigma attached to mental health.</p>	<p>Ms. Rhodora D. Santos, Population Program Officer and Ms. Edisa C. Asuncion, Provincial Adolescent Health and Development Program Coordinator, both from IPHO, discussed the concepts of Fertility Awareness among Adolescents.</p> <p>The municipality of Sta. Maria has ranked 14th among 34 LGUs in the province with pregnancy rate of 2.11%. The LGU had the highest share of teenage pregnancies among 15-19 years old with 23% or equivalent to 12 cases recorded in 2022.</p> <p>112 Junior and Senior High School students and 5 teaching staff attended the symposium.</p> <p>Provincial Program Coordinators of the IPHO acted as Resource Speakers during the symposium. Provincial data on Teenage Pregnancy, STI-HIV/AIDS cases, and Mental Health problems were presented to 1,011 Junior and Senior students and 18 non-teaching school personnel.</p>
Population-Based Programs		
<p><u>Population Development Program</u></p> <p>Attended the Monitoring and Assessment of the Pilot Implementation of</p>	<p>To gather information on initial results and development</p>	<p>Attended by the local leaders of Roxas, Isabela headed by Hon. Jonathan Jose C. Calderon, Local Chief Executive, POPCOM R02 Regional Director, Ms.</p>

<p>Social Protection Program for Adolescent Mothers and their Children (SPPAMC) at ROxas Astrodome, Roxas, Isabela (<i>March 16, 2023</i>)</p> <p>Conducted the 1st Quarter Joint Meeting of Municipal Population Officers (MPOs) and Adolescent Health Development (AHD) Focal Persons at Piazza Zicarelli, Upi, Gamu, Isabela (<i>March 31, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>including impact, gaps, and issues encountered during the implementation of the SPPAMC last July 2022-December 2022 in the municipality of Roxas, Isabela.</p> <p>Conducted by the Population Program and Adolescent Health and Development Program Officers and Focal Persons of the Integrated Provincial Health Office to discuss issues and accomplishments affecting the youth and enhance coordinative mechanisms as well as harmonize efforts among MPOs and AHD Focal Persons in line with Population Development Program focusing on Adolescent Health Development.</p>	<p>Herita O. Macarrubo, and Provincial POPCOM and Adolescent Health and Development Coordinators from the Integrated Provincial Health Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 identified teenage mothers were given cash assistance of <p>Population Commission (POPCOM) Regional Director, Ms. Herita O. Macarrubo presented the highlights and latest demographic situation with region-wide population of 3,685,722 or 3.38% while Population Growth Rate in 2010-2015 was at 1.27% and increased to 1.39% in 2015-2020. The Province of Isabela ranked 4th with a PGR of 1.33% compared to 1.29% in 2010-2015.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Population Pyramid in Isabela (2022) 0-14 years old or young population comprise 29%; 15-64 years old or Working Age at 64.6%; while the Older Population (65 years old and above) is at 6.2%. Among the three population groups, senior citizens showed to be increasing rapidly (5.0% in 2015 vs 6.2%) in 2020.</p> <p>As to Teenage Pregnancy Rate among 10-19 years old, the Province of Isabela ranked 1st in the region with 2.14% in 2022 compared to 1.81% in 2021. These data calls for intensification of services that ensure their health, safety, and security as they are vulnerable to suffer from diseases and any form of danger. Hence the need for collective and unified action from different agencies.</p> <p>The Regional and Provincial AHD Program Managers presented their 20123 Plans which focused on decreasing Adolescent Birth Rate and in selected GIDAs. Both encouraged LGUs to establish Adolescent Health Friendly Facilities and undergo certification to help address social issues affecting the teenage group.</p>
<p><u>Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health</u></p>		

<p>Facilitated the Basic Life Support and Standard First Aid Training of Healthcare Workers at Angadanan, Isabela (<i>March 27-31, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) of the Integrated Provincial Health Office along with other trained facilitators from IPHO, CDRRMO City of Ilagan, Milagros Albano District Hospital, Cauayan City District Hospital, and RHU Naguilian, facilitated the 5-day Basic Life Support and Standard First Aid Training to capacitate the health care workers from the Rural Health Unit of Angadanan, Rural Health Unit of Sto. Tomas, Cauayan District Hospital, and Manuel A. Roxas District Hospital to capacitate health workers being at the forefront of disaster risk reduction and management by providing efficient and effective delivery of health services to affected population through mobilization of Health Emergency Response Teams (HERTs).</p>	<p>Facilitators put emphasis on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-240 compressions per cycle for lone responder as latest update of the DOH; • NO direct mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to prevent COVID-19 transmission; <p>Participants were evaluated through their actual return demonstration of skills following the skills sheet provided;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandaging • Splinting • Carrying and Dragging <p>An outdoor simulation happened at GSO Grounds - Municipal Hall Compound, Angadanan, Isabela. A scenario was given to which selected participants acted as injured victims of a mass casualty incident. This exercise aims to assess the participants' correct application of skills that was taught during the lecture and skills demonstration.</p> <p>35 BLS completers, and 29 SFAT completers.</p>
<p><u>Epidemiology and Surveillance</u></p> <p>Conducted Annual Filariasis Surveillance at Cauayan City, Isabela (<i>March 20-24, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>A 5-day on-site surveillance in coordination with the City Health Office of Cauayan and the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit of the IPHO which aims to conduct active case finding for</p>	<p>The surveillance team were able to collect suspected vector carrying filaria parasite through setting up a carabao bait trap at Brgy. Nungnungan 2, Cauayan City, where the last case of filariasis was detected.</p> <p>A total of 135 slides were collected and verified by Medical Technologists and Entomologist from the CVCHD. One (1) sample turned out positive of</p>

	<p>prompt management and treatment of filariasis brought about by mosquitoes.</p>	<p>filarial parasite upon verification.</p> <p><u>Recommendations from the Surveillance Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat collection of blood smear to positive case every month; • Always practice to sleep under a mosquito net, cover up their skin with long sleeves and trousers; • Eliminate possible breeding sites of mosquitoes; • Continue annual blood mass survey until 2027; • CHO III Cauayan City to conduct health education among high risk populace.
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<p><u>Water Sanitation and Hygiene Program</u></p> <p>Attended Training on the Creation of Local Drinking Quality Monitoring Committee at Tuguegarao City, Cagayan (March 29-31, 2023)</p>	<p>Conducted by the Environmental and Occupational Health Cluster of the CVCHD which was attended by Sanitary Engineers and Sanitary Inspectors from various LGUs and PLGUs of the Region to strengthen drinking water safety at the Local Government Units (LGUs) level in the context of PD 856 and Local Government Code, the requirement of every LGU to establish a Local Drinking Water Quality Surveillance (LDWQS) Program through the creation of LDWQMC is found necessary to protect public health.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Water Supply System</th> <th>Drinking-Water Service Provider</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="7">Level 3</td> <td>Water District (WD)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rural Waterworks and Sanitation Association (RWSA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barangay Waterworks and Sanitation Association (BWSA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Economic Zone drinking-water service provider</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) or other concessionaire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Service Cooperative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homeowners Association/Subdivision Developer</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="4">Level 2</td> <td>RWSA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BWSA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water service cooperative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other recognized drinking-water service provider</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Level 1</td> <td>BWSA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Service Cooperative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other recognized drinking-water service provider</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retail Water System or Refilling Station</td> <td>Retail drinking-water service provider</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bulk Water System</td> <td>Bulk water service provider</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mobile Water System</td> <td>Mobile drinking-water service provider</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Water Supply System	Drinking-Water Service Provider	Level 3	Water District (WD)	Rural Waterworks and Sanitation Association (RWSA)	Barangay Waterworks and Sanitation Association (BWSA)	Special Economic Zone drinking-water service provider	Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) or other concessionaire	Water Service Cooperative	Homeowners Association/Subdivision Developer	Level 2	RWSA	BWSA	Water service cooperative	Other recognized drinking-water service provider	Level 1	BWSA	Water Service Cooperative	Other recognized drinking-water service provider	Retail Water System or Refilling Station	Retail drinking-water service provider	Bulk Water System	Bulk water service provider	Mobile Water System	Mobile drinking-water service provider	<p>Maria Sonadel S. Anara, Engineer at Department of Health discussed the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water and the importance of having a Water Safety Plan (WSP), whereas stated in the administrative order no. 2014 – 0027.</p>
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<p><u>Universal Health Care Updates</u></p> <p>Conducted the Local Chief Executive Forum (LCE) on Universal Health Care at Casa De Madera Country Club, Cauayan City (March</p>	<p>To strengthen the capabilities and commitment of Local Chief Executives, SB/SP on Health of LGUs and PLGU for</p>	<p>The Integrated Provincial Health Office collaborated with the Cagayan Valley Center for Health Development for the pursuit of this momentous event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Emmanuel Joselito B. 																										

<p>17, 2023)</p>	<p>the province-wide integration of local health system in line with implementation of the Universal Health Care. The activity also aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impart the vision pathway and components of the Universal Health Care; • Present the status of Local Health System Maturity Level (LHS-ML) of the province; • Discuss the Guidelines on integration of LHS into province-wide health system; • Discuss the Special Health Fund and PhilHealth Konsulta Package. 	<p>Añnes, Sangguniang Panglungsod and Chairman on Health and Sanitation, who represented Gov. Rodito T. Albano conveyed in his message that the province is looking forward to strengthen the PGI-DOH-Philhealth partnership and continue to make good things happen as to the implementation of the UHC;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Members of the PGI Finance Team were also present spearheaded by the Provincial Administrator, Noel Manuel R. Lopez; • Dr. Enrique Tayag, Chairperson of Field Health Implementation and Coordination Team for North and Central Luzon Cluster, lauded the province of Isabela as the first province in the country conducting a forum discussing primarily on Special Health Fund. Dr. Tayag linked the goal or focus of UHC on the principle of progressive realization with his own version of 5Ps – Universal Health Care for the Poor, Province-wide/City-Wide, Public Health Facilities, Primary Care, and Promoting services prioritizing vaccination. • Dr. Katherine Joyce Flores, OIC Division Chief of Bureau of Local Health Systems Development presented UHC in a nutshell, highlighting key areas to be strengthened to achieve the goal of UHC, to include strengthening primary health care, predictable and precise phase, and the province-wide/citywide integration. • Renato Limsiaco, PhilHealth Senior Vice President for Fund Management disclosed that the state-run agency allocated P17 billion this year for the
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		<p>konsulta package program. For one, PhilHealth will be expanding its hemodialysis package to a total of 156 sessions, allowing beneficiaries to take the maximum recommended sessions per week all year round. PhilHealth is also rationalizing its Covid-19 benefit packages and out-patient benefit package for Mental Health.</p>
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OTHER PROGRAMS/PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES		
<p>Attended the 2023 Valley Health Summit at Go Hotels, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan (March 22, 2023)</p>	<p>Organized and conducted by the The Cagayan Valley Center for Health Development with the theme: Strengthening Health Sectors' Partnership Towards a Healthier People of Region 2 which aims to ensure that a common ground is established among partner stakeholders and across levels of local government units. Also, to align initiatives and strategies to accelerate critical reforms relevant in achieving transformation to Universal Health Care.</p>	<p>Local health leaders in the province of Isabela headed by Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan attended the 2023 Valley Health Summit to which they actively participated in the Workshop Session which tackles the issues and concerns on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Health Care • Measles Rubella and Oral Polio Vaccine Supplemental Immunization Activity (MR OPV SIA) • Human Resources for Health (HRH) • Health Promotion • Health Facility Enhancement Plan (HFEP) • Regulation and Licensing of Health Facilities • Electronic Medical Record (EMR) <p>Recommendations were later provided accordingly by the CVCHD ExeCom, Program Managers, and Unit Heads to resolve the raised concerns.</p>
<p>Conducted the 1st Quarter Meeting of Isabela Barangay Health Worker (BHW) Presidents Federation (March 31, 2023)</p>	<p>Attended by the 37 BHW Presidents of the province to discuss concerns on BHW Registry 2023-2026.</p>	<p>Ms. Lourdedes Z. Dela Cruz, the Provincial BHW Coordinator, discussed salient issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names listed in 2021 registry shall not be altered but however, list of additional BHWs may be added as long as it is supported by approved appointments from their barangay captains; • In terms of termination and retention, the barangay captain has the power to terminate, appoints, and re-appoint BHWs based on their performance; • Granting of benefits and incentives for the voluntary services of BHWs; • Heads-up for the upcoming BHW Training on BHW Reference Manual 2022 being the Health Education and Promotion Officers in barangay level following the Health Promotion Framework Strategy

		of the Universal Health Care.
Conducted the 2022 LGU Health Scorecard Validation	<p>This is in pursuant to the Administrative Order No. 2021-0002 or the “Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of the Local Government Unit (LGU) Health Scorecard (HSC)” identify the LGU HSC as the primary tool to assess and monitor the performance of LGUs in the implementation of local health reforms within the province-wide and city-wide health systems. The activity aims to discuss the Department Memorandum 2022-0569: Implementation of the 2022 Local Government Unit Health Scorecard (LGU HSC) Performance Results;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have a common understanding on the means of verification (MOV) of the Data Capture Form (DCF) indicators; 2. To validate data in the accomplished DCF (PHO vs. Muni/ City) 	<p>Sub-indicators listed under Indicator 8 (Health Service Coverage) shall utilize the official data submitted by the CHD Field Health Services Information System (FHSIS) Coordinator to the Epidemiology Bureau (EB) within the prescribed deadline. Meanwhile Sub-indicator 8.7 (Prevalence of Stunting among children under 5 years old (0-59 months old)) shall utilize the official data from the National Nutrition Council.</p> <p>Timelines for the Implementation and Management of 2022 HSC Performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDOHO and IPHO Monitoring to LGUs – March 20, 2023 – April 10, 2023 • Municipal level *Submission of accomplished and <i>DOH</i> Representative-validated Municipal and <i>CC</i> DCF to the Provincial Health Office – April 11, 2023 • Round Table Group Discussion on Data Quality Assessment Tool (IPHO Team and PDOHO) - April 14 and 17, 2023 • Provincial Level *Submission of accomplished and <i>DOH</i> Representative-validated Municipal and <i>CC</i> DCF with attached DQAT to Region – April 19, 2023

<p>Attended the NurseLEAD Summit 2003 at Clark, Pampanga (<i>March 28-30, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>A Leadership Course for Advanced Practice in Public Health Nursing offered by the University of the Philippines Manila College of Nursing, World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Leadership in Nursing Development, in partnership with the Johnson&Johnson Foundation. This postgraduate course aims to provide the health industry with public health nurse leaders with advanced skills to effectively lead the implementation of health care services in the provision of Universal Health Care. Also, to strengthen nurse competencies in leading and managing primary care services and population-based programs, carrying out supervisory and leadership responsibilities, and fostering interprofessional education and collaborative practice.</p>	<p><u>Highlights of the Summit</u></p> <p>Carmencita D. Padilla, MD, FPPS, MAHPS, Chancellor of UP Manila and Keynote Speaker on Leadership in Public Health</p> <p>“Nurses will cross boundaries and become certified leaders, managers, and collaborators to respond to the challenges of our health system in transitioning to universal health coverage through their strengthened capacities as our health care providers. In areas where there are no or very limited doctors, nurses will step up as public health nurses to perform the roles of public health officers. Nurses run the show. If you want a Healthy Pilipinas, we need Nurses.”</p> <p>Selected nurses from batch 1 presented their implemented capstone projects during the forum. Listening to several "worth duplicating" nurse-led capstone projects addressing various health concerns in other provinces is very inspiring to all the participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preggy-Chika (SMS) for safe motherhood (LAGUNA) • Project ROCKS in promoting healthy lifestyle (BOHOL) • Project addressing herd immunity (LANAO DEL NORTE)
<p>Conducted the Annual Operational Plan 2024 Orientation (<i>March 23-24, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>To cascade to the LGUs the Department Memorandum 2022-0459 on the Directions for the Development of 2024 Annual Operational Plan.</p>	<p>Facilitated by the AOP Focal Persons of the IPHO and attended by the Municipal/City Health Officers, Chiefs of Hospitals, Administrative Officers, and LIPH/AOP Focal Persons. Partners from the Regional LIPH/AOP Coordinator and the PDOHO were also present to answer queries from our participants.</p> <p>Agreements:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed timeline of submission of LGUs to the province is on July 2023 • AOP 2024 must be submitted earlier than October 2023 to the CVCHD
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