

	ISABELA PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE	<b>OCTOBER</b>
		Month
	Accomplishment Report	<b>2023</b>
		Year

FOCUS AREA

PROGRAM/PROJECT /ACTIVITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS/REMARKS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS
<u>COVID – 19 Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment, and Reintegration (PDITR)</u>  <b>One Isabela COVID-19 Command Center (OICCC)</b>	<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>Total number of calls/referrals received by the OICCC from September 1-30, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total referrals catered : <b>no referral received</b></li> <li>• Total number of patients catered per COVID-19 classification: <b>no referral received</b></li> <li>• Total number of patients catered per COVID-19 severity: <b>no referral received</b></li> <li>• Total number of patients referred per facility preference: <b>no referral received</b></li> </ul>

**COVID-19 ADMISSIONS IN PROVINCIALY-MAINTAINED HOSPITALS**  
**October 1 to 31, 2023**

CLASSIFICATION	GFNSM	MADH	EDH	MARDH	CDH	SMCH	PSH	TOTAL
Suspect	363	0	0	0	273	0	0	<b>636</b>
Probable	3	0	0	0	8	0	0	<b>11</b>
Confirmed	14	0	0	0	9	0	0	<b>23</b>

Table 1. Daily COVID 19-related admissions in the seven (7) PGI hospitals from October 1 to 31, 2023 disaggregated into category (suspect, probable, confirmed) and place of admission.

**COVID-19 VACCINATION**

**Update on COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage of the Province of Isabela as of October 31, 2023**

**COVID-19 PRIMARY VACCINE UPDATE as of October 31, 2023**

Source: VORS

MUNI/CITY	Number of Individuals with at least ONE DOSE	Coverage (Atleast 1Dose) 2023 Population	Fully Vaccinated	Coverage (Fully Vaccinated) 2023 Population
<b>ISABELA</b>	<b>1,195,973</b>	<b>86.2%</b>	<b>1,131,497</b>	<b>81.6%</b>

Source: Vaccine Operation and Reporting System (VORS)

**COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINE UPDATE as of October 31, 2023**

Source: VORS

MUNI/CITY	1st Booster Dose	Coverage	2nd Booster Dose	Coverage (1st Booster as Denominator)	Coverage (Total Pop as Denominator)
<b>ISABELA</b>	<b>378,915</b>	<b>33.5%</b>	<b>51,773</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

Source: Vaccine Operation and Reporting System (VORS)

Family Health Cluster		
<p><u>Nutrition Program</u></p> <p>Conducted the Training on Maternal Nutrition and Infant &amp; Young Child Feeding (MNIYCF) at Dinapigue, Isabela (October 16-20, 2023)</p>	<p>As one of the strategies in the implementation of health programs in Nutrition to improve the nutritional status, and growth &amp; development of their populace through optimal feeding.</p>	<p>Funded by the Health Education and Promotion Unit and facilitated by the Nutrition Officers of the IPHO.</p> <p>Attended by 40 participants: 4 midwives, 6 Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), 21 Barangay Health Workers (BHW), 6 Indigenous People (IP) representatives (one from each barangay), and 3 Police - of which 2 were male.</p>
<p><u>National Safe Motherhood Program</u></p> <p><i>Bantay Buntis sa Bawat Barangay</i> in selected LGUs of Isabela (October 9, 11, 13, 24, 2023)</p>	<p>This year's <b><i>Bantay Buntis sa Bawat Barangay (BBBB)</i></b> focuses on <b>pregnant teenagers</b> with the theme "<b><i>Pagtuturo at Suporta sa mga Kabataang Ina para sa Ligtas at Masayang Pamilya,</i></b>" is the province' brand on its advocacy to promote health and safe pregnancy which provides holistic approach through the collaboration with partner agencies such as Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Local Youth Development Office (LYDO), Department of Education, and Commission on Population and Development (CPD) recognizing the need to support young couples not only on the aspect of health but also their readiness on</p>	<p>Conducted in the following LGUs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Mariano</li> <li>• Cauayan City</li> <li>• Tumauni</li> <li>• Roxas</li> </ul> <p>Series of lectures were provided by the Program Coordinators from the IPHO on salient topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maternal and Newborn Care</li> <li>• Routine Immunization</li> <li>• Breastfeeding and Complimentary Feeding</li> <li>• Family Planning</li> </ul> <p>Representatives from partner agencies also discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible</li> </ul>

	their responsibility as parents.	<p>Parenthood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence Against Women and Children (VACW) Act</li> <li>• Livelihood Trainings</li> <li>• Alternative Learning System</li> </ul> <p>As highlight of the activity, a Focus Group Discussion participated by pregnant teenagers, their partners, and their parents/guardians was held.</p>
<p><u>National Immunization Program</u></p> <p>Conducted the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Launching at San Mariano and Angadanan, Isabela (October 17, 18, 2023)</p>	<p>An advocacy campaign on the immunization of our female schoolchildren ages 9-14 years old against cervical cancer.</p>	<p>Inspired by the IPHO's mantra "<b><i>Kabataang Isabeleño, sa HPV Protektado</i></b>", the HPV vaccination was successfully launched in the municipalities of San Mariano and Angadanan in partnership with CVCHD, RHUs, DepEd, and stakeholders.</p>
<p><u>Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP)</u></p> <p>Conducted the Adolescent Teen Talk in Six Municipalities of the Province</p>	<p>A form of advocacy using an approach, Focus Group Discussion (FGD) which is a method for collecting qualitative data that involves gathering of adolescent group in particular to discuss a specific topic. It is a strategy to engage and empower adolescents in social issues such as that will contribute in helping them</p>	<p>Conducted by the Integrated Provincial Health Office through Adolescent Health and Development Program as well as Population and Development Program collaborated with six (6) municipalities with high incidence of teenage pregnancy and organized Out of School Youth</p>

	become responsible members of the community.	(OSY). These are the municipalities of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Guillermo</li> <li>• Mallig</li> <li>• Alicia</li> <li>• Cordon</li> <li>• Sto. Tomas</li> <li>• Benito Soliven</li> </ul> Using set of pre-determined questions, this provides an opportunity for the youth to freely express their opinions on reproductive health – health related to sex, pregnancy and family planning.
<b>Non-Communicable Disease Cluster</b>		
<u>Mental Health Program</u>  Mental Health and Elderly Month Celebration in Benito Soliven and City of Ilagan, Isabela	This activity aims to highlight the banner message <i>“Alamin ang 7 healthy habits at isabuhay ito para sa malusog at matibay na pangangatawan through the years for elderly”</i> . The activity also provides the venue for celebrating the Mental Health Month. This includes provision of different health services, interactive activities, and information education campaigns.	Ms. Cheryl Grace C. Noriega, Provincial Mental Health Program Coordinator attended and provided lectures on Mental health Awareness and Seven Healthy Habits during the activity.  Selected indigent Senior Citizens and those who lived in far flung areas were among the priorities to receive the following services during the event.  <u>Benito Soliven -October 5, 2023</u> Number of participants: 100 Number of patients consulted: 48 Number of flu vaccine recipients: 9 Number of pneumonia vaccine recipients: 6 Number of patients tested for blood sugar:

<p>Mental Health Sensitivity Awareness Seminar at Camp Melchor F. Dela Cruz, Upi, Gamu, Isabela (October 2, 2023)</p>	<p>As a commemoration for the National Mental Health Week, the Army Signal Regiment's 5th Signal Battalion provided support in promoting Mental Health in the workplace as one of the aspects of achieving holistic health making our military soldiers aware of the leading causes, sources and common reactions of their work-related stress which affects their total well-being.</p>	<p>25  Number of patients provided with eyeglasses: 55  Number of senior citizen provided with wheelchair: 1</p> <p><u>City of Ilagan Community Center (CHO-1) - October 12, 2023</u>  Number of participants: 200  Number of consultations: 156  Number of consulted Mental Health service users: 56  Number of flu vaccine recipients: 46  Number of assistive devices provided: 3  Wheelchair-1  Crutch-1  Cane-1</p> <p>Attended by the 5th Infantry Division and its three (3) Infantry Brigades.  Ms. Cheryl Grace C. Noriega of IPHO, as one of the Resource Speakers, discussed the stress management and self-care, including cognitive, physical, emotional, interpersonal, practical, and spiritual self-care as crucial to everyone's resilience and health.</p>
<p><u>Lifestyle-Related Disease Prevention and Control Program</u></p> <p>Training of Trainers on Brief Tobacco Intervention (BTI)</p>	<p>An intervention on smoking cessation organized by the Non-Communicable Disease</p>	<p>Attended by Ms. Floressa P. Soriano, NCD Program Coordinator, and Mr.</p>

<p>Orientation on Philippine Package of Essential Non-Communicable Diseases (PhilPEN) Intervention Protocol (October 25-26, 2023)</p>	<p>Cluster of the CVCHD to address the pressing issues on the rampant use of tobacco and electronic cigarette products and its harmful health effects.</p> <p>To orient the C/MHOs and Non-Communicable Disease Coordinators of LGUs on the new updates on policies and indicators of the PhilPEN Intervention Protocol.</p>	<p>Harijhon S. Alabon Jr, Health Education and Promotion Officer along with other 19 participants from the different health facilities of the region.</p> <p>A one-on-one counselling demonstration was performed by the participants and successfully passed the skills demonstration empowering them to conduct assessment and counselling activities to clients who plan to quit smoking.</p> <p>The NCD Provincial Situationer and Introduction on PhilPEN protocol were presented by Ms. Maria Floressa P. Soriano. She mentioned that this number is low in comparison to the eligible population of the province, which is one of the SGLG indicators. As a result, in order to process the implementation of the Philippine Package of Essential NCD activities, health personnel must be capacitated in proper functioning of health care system for prevention and control on Non-Communicable Diseases.</p> <p>Resource Speakers from the Provincial DOH Office of Isabela presented the policies relating to the PhilPEN implementation such as the</p>
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		Administrative Order no. 2012-0029 - Implementation of Philippine Package of Essential NCD Interventions (PhilPEN) on the Integrated Management of Hypertension and Diabetes for Primary Health Care Facilities which was signed last December 4, 2012.
<b>Communicable Disease Cluster</b>		
<p><u>National Tuberculosis Program</u></p> <p>Conducted the Engagement Meeting on Mandatory TB Notification and NTP Cascade of Care Updates for Private and Public Physicians (<i>October 26, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>One of the major activities under the TB Implementation Framework Agreement (TIFA) project is the private sector engagement in the Health Care Provider Network (HCPN) through the conduct of engagement meeting and update on the NTP Cascade of Care based on the Manual of Procedure 6th edition. This endeavor can contribute to improving the overall quality and accessibility of TB services in the province. Engaging the private sector helps expand the reach of TB services, particularly in areas where public healthcare facilities may be limited.</p>	<p>Dr. Erwin L. Manzano, the Chairperson of the Region 2 TB Medical Advisory Committee (TB MAC) provided lectures on the latest trend on TB screening, diagnosis, treatment and prevention aspects. He emphasized the need to use Chest Xray as the screening tool to all presumptive TB patients.</p> <p>Issues and concerns on referral of TB patients to the Rural Health Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTP Staff of RHUs should not hesitate to give TB Drugs despite the presence of referral form from the doctor. Dr. Manzano stressed that NTP staff must be aware of the protocols on when to start treatment for TB patients.</li> </ul>



<p>Conducted Integrated Delivery of TB Services (IDOTS) Phase II Onsite Mentoring and Validation of TPT Records and Reports in RHU Angadanan (October 11, 2023)</p>	<p>To enhance the knowledge and skills of healthcare providers of RHU Angadanan who are involved in multi-drug TB treatment.</p>	<p>Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Health Units must give feedback to health care providers who referred their TB patients.</li> <li>• TB services and medicines are given free of charge. The DOH purchases medicines and supplies and these are allocated to the TB DOTS facilities thru CHD and PHO. Ms. Crisologo added that the patient must be referred to any TB DOTS facility near his residence for proper management and treatment.</li> </ul> <p>Findings during the table validation are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the NTP key indicators, Q1-Q3 accomplishments were validated thru Integrated TB Information System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No. Screened with Chest Xray: 2,486/ 6,384</li> <li>➤ No. of Presumptive to test: 236/ 1,505</li> <li>➤ Notified TB Cases New and Relapse: 106/252</li> <li>➤ TPT Enrolled: 31/151</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Non-attainment of the target for TPT was due to overlapping of activities and client's hesitancy to treatment;</li> </ul>
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<p>Attended the Mandatory TB Notification Q3 Data Validation and Program Implementation Review at Baguio City (October 18-20, 2023)</p>	<p>Sponsored by the Philippine Coalition Against Tuberculosis (PhilCAT) in partnership with Department of Health (DOH) – Center for Health Development and the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) with support from Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM). This is to identify facilitating factors and barriers to good performance together with partners from the Department of Health (DOH) from the regional level and TB Coordinators from the Local Government Unit (LGU) at the provincial and city levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TB, TPT, and HIV supplies were readily available in the TB DOT Center.</li> <li>• HIV Services were accessible because the facility has 2 trained HIV counsellors.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate contact investigation during case findings and consultations</li> <li>• Regular conduct of meeting with BHWs, remind them of the incentive scheme for TPT</li> <li>• Conduct house to house visits to TB patients and their household contacts.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Grace R. Crisologo, Provincial TB Coordinator presented the accomplishment of the province.</p> <p><b>Agreements &amp; Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen internal and external referral systems in all facilities</li> <li>• Reiteration of national directives mandating private physicians' compliance to TB Mandatory Notification &amp; Reporting and possible</li> </ul>
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		<p>orientation on NTP MOP 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the province to conduct engagement meeting and orientation on NTP Cascade of care</li> <li>• NPOs to continue advocacy and encourage private physicians to utilize RDT/Expert as confirmatory test for TB.</li> <li>• NPOs to update IT IS on the treatment outcomes of the TB patients referred to TB DOTS</li> <li>• NPOs to track or trace successful referral of TB patients thru the help of NTP Coordinators</li> </ul>
<p><u>Leprosy Prevention and Control Program</u></p> <p>Conducted the Community Based 'KILATIS KUTIS' at Roxas, Isabela (October 17, 2023)</p>	<p>An advocacy campaign conducted by the IPHO in partnership with RHU Roxas to increase the level of awareness of the community on skin diseases such as leprosy.</p>	<p>Mr. Jay-Ar P. Benitez, Leprosy Prevention and Control Program Coordinator conducted lectures on prevention, detection, and management of leprosy.</p> <p>Along with him are guest Dermatologists from Southern Isabela Medical Center who conducted assessment and performed Slit Skin Smear (SSS) among our <b>100</b> participants. Unfortunately, <b>2</b> participants tested positive on SSS and prescribed with drugs to immediately start their medication.</p>

Dengue Prevention and Control Program

**Number of Dengue Suspect Cases Reported for the Month of October 2023  
( 158 Cases)**

City/Municipality	Cases	City/Municipality	Cases
ALICIA	1	MALLIG	2
ANGADANAN	0	NAGUILIAN	1
AURORA	2	PALANAN	0
BENITO SOLIVEN	1	QUEZON	4
BURGOS	3	QUIRINO	0
CABAGAN	1	RAMON	28
CABATUAN	0	REINA MERCEDES	0
CITY OF CAUAYAN	11	ROXAS	4
CITY OF ILAGAN (Capital)	4	SAN AGUSTIN	3
CORDON	14	SAN GUILLERMO	1
DELFIN ALBANO	7	SAN ISIDRO	3
DINAPIGUE	0	SAN MANUEL	2
DIVILACAN	1	SAN MARIANO	8
ECHAGUE	20	SAN MATEO	14
GAMU	0	SAN PABLO	2
JONES	12	SANTA MARIA	1
LUNA	1	SANTO TOMAS	1
MACONACON	0	TUMAUI NI	6

Source: Philippine Infectious Disease and Surveillance Reporting (PIDSRS) System

**Population-Based Programs**

<p><u>National Voluntary Blood Service Program</u></p> <p>Orientation on Blood Donation Recruitment for Barangay Health Workers (October 26-27, 2023)</p>	<p>Under the Universal Health Care System, the BHWs play a crucial role in community health promotion and education, making them ideal advocates for blood donation by enhancing their capacity and prepare them for their role as “navigators”. By providing BHWs with the necessary knowledge and skills to educate their communities about the importance of blood donation, they can effectively dispel myths and misconceptions surrounding the process.</p>	<p>Conducted by the CVCHD where the following topics were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Principles of Voluntary Blood Donation</li> <li>• Blood Donor Selection</li> <li>• DOH Blood and Blood Donation Facts</li> <li>• Myth and Common Excuses</li> <li>• General Criteria in Selection of Voluntary Blood Donor</li> <li>• Organizing Mobile Blood Donation and Pre-Donation &amp; Post-Donation</li> </ul>
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		<p>Counselling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donor Retention &amp; Care</li> </ul>
<p><u>Epidemiology and Surveillance</u></p> <p>Training on Event-based Surveillance and Response (ESR) Process and Online Information System at Maximilian Hotel, Cauayan City, Isabela</p>	<p>A face-to-face training conducted by the Epidemiology Bureau in collaboration with the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CVCHD-RESU) and the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit of Isabela.</p>	<p>October 17-18, 2023 (First Batch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33 Surveillance Officers attended</li> </ul> <p>October 19-20, 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Batch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32 Epidemiology Assistants (EA) attended</li> </ul>
<p><u>Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health Program</u></p> <p>Conducted Basic Life Support Training for the Health workers of RHU Cordon (October 12-13, 2023)</p>	<p>To equip healthcare professionals of RHUs being at the forefront of disaster risk reduction and management by delivering efficient and effective healthcare to the impacted population through the mobilization of Health Emergency Response Teams (HERTs).</p>	<p>The collaborative efforts of facilitators from the Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) Unit of the CVCHD, IPHO, and trained HERT members from RHU Jones, Mallig, and Delfin Albano Community Hospital facilitated both the didactics and skills demonstration. As a result, the <b>23 participants</b> were able to pass the training successfully and received their Certificates of Completion.</p>
<p><u>Health Promotion</u></p> <p>Conducted Orientation Meeting on <b>Healthy Pilipinas, Healthy Isabela Awards 2023</b> (October 17, 2023)</p>	<p>A province-initiated awarding ceremony to recognize LGUs who have successfully implemented Health Promotion Programs and Activities in their communities</p>	<p>Attended by C/MHOs, PHNs, and HEPO Designates from the various health facilities of the province.</p> <p>Ms. Maria Victoria C. Ocampo, HEPO III,</p>

	addressing the 7 Priority Areas.	presented the guidelines and the documentary requirements such as the Self-Appraisal Checklist (SAC).  Deadline of submission of entries will be on November 17, 2023. Tentative date of the Healthy Pilipinas, Healthy Isabela Awards will be on December 7, 2023.
<b>Universal Health Care Updates</b>		
<u>Building Block: Health Workforce</u>  Issuance of Executive Order	For the achievement of Key Result Area (KRA) 2.3	EO no.28 ( <i>Harmonized competency-based HRH management development system, and HRH performance assessment system, including grievance redress mechanism</i> ) signed by Governor Albano dated October 20, 2023.  KRA 2.3 – <b>Achieved</b>
<u>Service Delivery 1: Referral System</u>  Conducted the Organization of Primary Care Provider Network (PCPN) Workshop and Finalization of Health Care Provider Network (HCPN) Manual of Operations in the Province of Isabela ( <i>October 2-6, 2023</i> )	The activity aims to establish and develop a reference on Referral System to be called as Health Care Provider Network Manual of Procedures (HCPN MOP) for the Province of Isabela. The workshop shall enhance the MOP through review of different stakeholders with their technical expertise and good ideas. Specifically, the workshop has presented:	A total of 100 participants composed of C/MHOs, AOs, COHs, APEX hospital chief, IPHO SD1 Core Team took part in the 5-day Workshop.  Technical Working Group was identified and to be chaired by Dr. Imelda M. Guillermo, PHO I to oversee the crafting of the HCPN MOP.  Key Agreements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancement of the HCPN MOP (<i>October</i></li> </ul>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Present vital components of MOP and its purpose</li> <li>2. Gather inputs for the enhancement of the MOP.</li> </ol>	<p>9-27, 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLHB Resolution adopting the HCPN Manual of Operation (December 2023)</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS/PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES</b>		
<p>Attended the Coordination Meeting on Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair (BPSF) at CVMC Conference Hall, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan (October 13, 2023)</p>	<p>In line with the preparation of the two-day <b>Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair (BPSF)</b> scheduled on <b>November 25-26, 2023</b> for the Province of Isabela.</p>	<p>Conducted by CVCHD last October 13, 2023 with the attendance of RD Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, ARD Dr. Mar Wynn Bello together with CHD support staff, Dr. Glenn Baggao (CVMC), Dr. Melchor Dela Cruz (SIMC), Dr. Charity Canapi (DOH-TRC), Dr. Nelson Paguirigan (PHO II), PGI Chiefs of Hospitals, Dr. Herbee Barrios (CIMC Ilagan), Dr. Analyn Paguirigan (SACIH Ilagan) and City/Municipal Health Officers (Cabagan, Ilagan I &amp; II, Echague, Mallig, Quirino, Roxas, San Manuel, San Mariano, San Mateo). Atty. Kevin, staff from the Office of the Representative Cong. Tonypet Albano was also present through a virtual platform.</p> <p>The inclusion of health services in the activity is aligned with the Health Sector's 8-Point Agenda with its theme "<b>Sa Healthy Pilipinas, Bawat Buhay Mahalaga</b>".</p> <p>As to the plan of the province, Dr. Nelson Paguirigan, PHO II expresses his full commitment to support the health sector for this endeavor. Further consultation meeting with the Governor will be prioritized for the</p>

		<p>finalization of plans. Proposed list of health services in reference to the pilot roll-out of BPSF in the Province of Biliran are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory and other diagnostic services</li> <li>• Vision Screening with prescription lenses provision</li> <li>• Cataract screening</li> <li>• Disability screening with assistive device provision</li> <li>• Medical and prenatal consultations with medicine provision</li> <li>• Dental Consultation with Scaling, Oral Prophylaxis and Tooth Extraction</li> <li>• Vaccination Program</li> <li>• Health Promotion activities (waiting area)</li> </ul>
<p>Consultative Meeting in Support for the Continuing Development of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) (October 9-13, 2023)</p>	<p>A 5-day face-to-face activity organized by the CVCHD that is aimed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight the DOH's current plans for supporting BHWs in 2023</li> <li>• Consult the participants on how to make the BHW techniques even better.</li> <li>• Organize BHW strategies and activities for 2023–2024.</li> <li>• Talk about additional BHW support-related issues.</li> </ul>	<p>Attended by Ms. Lourdes Z. Dela Cruz, Provincial BHW Coordinator. She presented the province' accomplishments from 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023. Besides the remarkable accomplishments and good practices, the province of Isabela was also recognized as the sole province in the Cagayan Valley Region to have its BHWs registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission.</p>



<p>Attended the Orientation on the Directions for LGU Development of 2025 Annual Operational Plan and Other LIPH-related Documents at Hotel Carmelita, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan (<i>October 18, 2023</i>)</p>	<p>Organized by the CVCHD to outline the goals and strategies for the upcoming year to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of healthcare services. This plan should consider the needs of the community, available resources, and any challenges that may arise and to improve access to healthcare services for all members of the community.</p>	<p>Dr. Almira L. Reyes, COH II, and Ms. Eloisa P. Foz, AOP/LIPH IS encoder both attended the orientation where updates on different processes on the crafting of AOP/LIPH were discussed.</p> <p>Agreements were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGU Investment Plan 2025 must be encoded through LIPH IS by December 31, 2023, to be included into the Regional Program Manager's Project Proposal for the year 2025;</li> <li>• AOP 2025 must be encoded and submitted together with the Appraisal Checklist by December 31, 2024;</li> <li>• Under DOH Fund, Provincial Program Managers shall encode all PPAs under DOH to limit double entry.</li> </ul>
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