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Life Saving Skills Training for Midwife

On May, 08, 2 batches of LSS training was conducted by Fabella Hospital to 14 midwives from Biliran Province and 19 midwives from Ifugao province. Each midwife has to: conduct 10 internal examinations, 5 laceration repairs, and 10 IV insertions to fulfill the graduate requirements. From this training, all the permanent employee of each province had completed skills training. Biliran has 15 Barangay Health Stations to be birthing station and Ifugao has 6.



Municipality Emergency Preparedness Meeting at Biliran

All of the Woman's Health Teams were actively conducting their safe motherhood promotion activities in all municipalities covered by the project. Addition to WHT, Municipality now make emergency properness systems with in municipality to support community



Meeting at Caibiran Municipality, Biliran

Launching of Ifugao AYOD (hammock) Community Health Team (former Woman's Health Team)

Launching of AYOD has conducted by Ifugao Province on Jun, 08 with 2500 renewed AYOD members from 11 municipalities. Same time, representatives from DOH, Population Council, JICA, Embassy of Japan, WHO, UNFPA, Global fund of Malaria, EU are gathered beside Provincial Governor and Municipal mayors.

Ifugao Province issued Executive Orders 19 and 22 mandating the organization of Community Health Teams in each Barangay throughout the province. In line with the provinces' culture preservation thrust, these teams shall be know as Ifugao AYOD Community Health Teams. AYOD refers to the hammock used to carry patients. Male participation is highly encouraged. Being Community based, the AYOD are envisioned to evolve into do-it-all Community health organizations assuming expanded task and function. Aside from maternal and Child health concerns, AYOD shall assume other health tasks such as: community health educations, promotions, malaria preventions, reproductive health gender issues. Ifugao Province commits itself to the development of the AYOD into truly dynamic group.



Equipment donated to Ifugao and Biliran

2008 batch of equipment to BHSs, RHUs and Provincial Hospital were turned-over to Ifugao and Biliran. Medical equipments are for upgrading Barangay Health Station to enable them to function as birthing stations. Equipments are: delivery tables, generators, suction machines, baby weighing schemes, equipment cabinets, BP apparatus, etc.

Project Monitoring by DOH

On Sep. 08, Ms. Recidoro, in-charge of MCH Program of National Center for Disease Prevention and Ms. Mendoza of Bureau of International Cooperation visited Biliran Province to observe project activities. Specially, they interviewed members of Woman's Health Team to know their roles to promote facility deliveries. In Biliran, each WHT teams has incentives from RHUs and medical cares are free in RHU and Provincial Hospital.





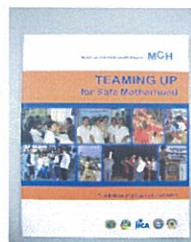
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Launching of "Teaming Up for Safe Motherhood"

On Nov. 08, MCH Project Process Documentation Book "Teaming Up for Safe Motherhood, Biliran and Ifugao Experience" has been launched for Region CAR and Region 8. Ifugao hosted CAR Region's launching ceremony. Hon. Gov. Dalog of Mountain Province, Hon. Gov. Diasen of Kalinga Province, Hon. Gov. Baguilat of Ifugao Province attended with other 500 participants from 6 different province with their traditional outfits. 6 Biliran delegates were also attended. In Region 8, Center for Health Development hosted launching at Tacloban City. Around 400 participants gathered from 6 provinces. This book launching conducted with Regional awarding ceremony for "Good Practice" of health programs.

Almeria Municipality of Biliran Province has selected to the best performance awards. Teaming Up book is to disseminate 2 years Project experiences while implementing Safe Motherhood programs in Ifugao and Biliran. Both Province has very unique achievements and they reduced Maternal and Child mortality.



Monitoring of Post BEmONC and LSS Training

On November 08, the BEmOC monitoring team, composed of Dr. Tan, Dr. Andal, Dr. Mirano and Dr. Caluag of Fabella Hospital and Izumi Murakami of JICA-MCH, visited Ifugao to look into the EmOC system of the province and monitor BEmOC and Life

Saving Skills training participants. The team observed both the technical and management side of the program. Recommendations made and presented to Provincial Health Office.

Biliran Province Inception visit to Ifugao

On Jan. 2009, total of 40 participants from Biliran Province visited Ifugao Project sites for 4 days.

Along with long vehicle ride, participants experienced difficulty of health service delivery to "mountains and hills".



Executive Committee for Provincial Project Management

Provincial Executive commit has been held on August 08 at each province. In Ifugao, 40 members from Province, CHD/CAR and 3 municipality attended. While at Biliran, Under Secretary Dr. Lozada, Project Director Dr. Oliveros from DOH Central, Regional Director of DOH VIII Dr. Baluma, JICA Country Representative Mr. Matsuda and 40 others attended. In the Meeting, Agendas were 1. Presentation of status of the MCH Project, 2. Accomplishments and 3. Comments. When project achievements of increasing % of facility delivery from 30% in 2005 to 86.5% in 2008 at Biliran province presented, Dr. Oliveros expressed it as "Biliran Magic".

JICA Country Representative visited Almeria Rural Health Unit

to observe implementing more than 99% of facility delivery. Dr. Garsia has been trained in Japan for MCH service delivery. Almeria RHU perform more than 50 deliveries a month with 24 hours of service. Municipality also support operations and built new MCH Center beside RHU.



Maternal Death Review in Ifugao

On Jan. 09, one maternal death happened at Alfonso Lista Municipality in Ifugao. This municipality has been promoting facility delivery and number of delivery reached up to 100 on 2008. A mother of 5 children dead of post partum hemorrhage at home. She was member of AYOD Community Health Team and she, herself was a village health worker. All related personal had shocked with the fact that health promoter could not perform what they suppose to teach to community people. Behavior change is not easy task. This maternal death shocked province and in the review, every each one of participants promised not let it happened again.



Indicator	Ifugao			Biliran		
	05	07	08 Jun	05	07	08 Jun
% of SBA attended deliveries	54	57	66	30	79	86.5
% of Facility deliveries	19	25	30.3	30	79	86.5

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