



## Cordillera-Wide strengthening of the Local Health System for Effective and Efficient Delivery of Maternal and Child Health Services

### Project Background

The Cordillera Administrative Region has been doubling its effort to strengthen the local health system and health service provision especially for Maternal and Child Health. However, even the current implementation done within the MNCHN strategy and framework of the UHC, are faced with challenges that needs to be addressed such as disparities in all aspect of health system that includes:

- a. Number of public health workers is insufficient and many of the available health personnel are still wanting in competence
- b. Many of the facilities are lacking in essential equipment to effectively operate as quality health care providers
- c. Drug and medical supply are not available when needed
- d. Referral of patient is, in many cases, not timely carried out
- e. Local Government Units in general do not accord priority consideration to health, as reflected in the inadequate budget allocation for health.

While, the region have received technical assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency through Local Health System Strengthening Project in Benguet Province (2006-2011) and Maternal and Child Health Project in Ifugao Province (2006-2010), there is still a need to address the above concerns to subsidize the effort of DOH for CAR in enhancing the impact or pro-poor intervention for greater health development effectiveness.

It is in this context that the integration of the two-projects is pursued at a region-wide scale which is expected to lead in advancing the regional health system as well as improvement of maternal and child health in particular and the overall health condition of the people in the region.

### Project Goal

Health status of the people in the region is improved, particularly of women and children.

### Project Purpose

Local health system in the region is strengthened to deliver effective and efficient Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services.

### Expected Outputs

1. Health governance and financing is strengthened through functional Inter-Local Health Zones (ILHZs) in the target sites.
2. Service Delivery framework for MCH is strengthened in the target sites.
3. Hospitals and Rural Health Units as Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) certified and RHUs as Maternal Care Package (MCP) duly accredited by PHIC.
4. Lessons learned and good practices of the project are disseminated nationwide.

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