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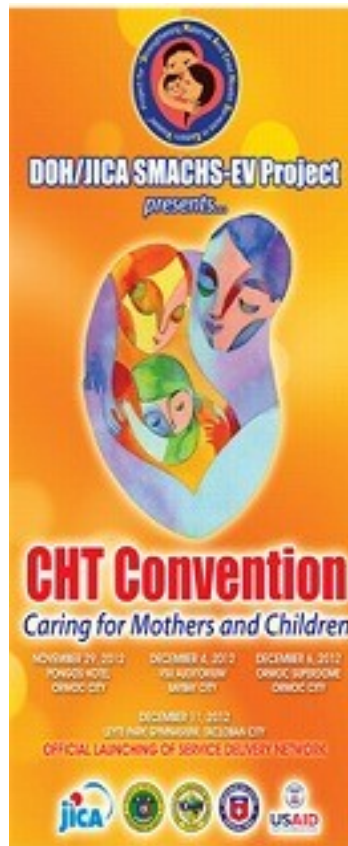
## CHT CONVENTION

A series of conventions was successfully conducted for the Community Health Teams in Leyte and Ormoc City to reward remarkable members who have made an outstanding performance and contribution to their communities and at the same time provide them the avenue to share their experiences with each other. The event also meant to strengthen the partnership among the CHT members, barangays, LGUs and other related organizations in reducing maternal and neonatal deaths.

Set in three different areas in the prov-

ince, the convention was conducted on November 29 for the Ormoc City and December 4, 6 and 11, 2012 for clusters 1, 2 and 3 of Leyte, respectively.

Sponsored by the SMACHS—EV Project, the said one-day activity was participated by JICA and its development partners, the Community Health Teams, Barangay Chairmen, Rural Health Unit Staff, Inter-local Health Zone Coordinators, Local Chief Executives and SB Member on Health of both JICA and non- JICA



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## COMMITMENT SIGNING

One of the highlights of the CHT Convention was the signing of the manifesto by the League of Municipalities of the Philippines Leyte Chapter, expressing their support for CHT in the implementation of Kalusugang Pangkalahatan. As stated in the said manifesto, the DILG, under the Memorandum Circular No. 2011-145 has enjoined

the local chief executives in coordination with Center for Health Development to provide support in the organization, orientation and mobilization of CHT as well as in monitoring and validation of CHT reports and to provide logistics and other necessary assistance needed by the Community Health teams. The ceremonial commitment



signing was participated by the Local Chief Executives, Barangay Chairmen, and other representatives from the different municipalities and the officials from the PHO, DOH and JICA. This was facilitated by Ms. Luz Calipayán in Ormoc City and Dr. Edgardo Daya in the three clusters of Leyte province.

# ORMOC CITY

- A total of 360 participants
- Held on November 29, 2012
- Pongos Hotel, Ormoc City
- Participated by CHTs,



DOH Asec. Paulyn Jean Russel-Ubial led the signing of the Manifesto of Support

During the convention, plaques of recognition were awarded to the outstanding CHT members, of which Ms. Nerissa Lumanta, from San Pablo district was hailed as the most outstanding CHT of Ormoc City.

Likewise, to recall and enrich the knowledge of all CHT members present, a capacity enhancement activity was done in a form of a game wherein the Ipil district won.

Five groups consisting of CHT members and DHC staff presented performances which incorporated the project's jingle, "Sa Health Center, Sigurado Ka". With their sing and dance performance, the group from Curva district obtained the First Place.

Present also in the convention were DOH Asec. Paulyn Jean Russel-Ubial, Regional Director Jaime Bernadas, Dr. Nelita Navales,

Dr. Ma. Lourdes Lampong, Hon. Mayor Eric Codilla, Dr. Rafael Omega Jr., Ms. Satoko Ishiga and Ms. Yukari Saito. And together with the barangay chairmen of all JICA pilot barangays, they signed the manifesto supporting the CHT.

## MESSAGES



Dr. Nelita Navales  
City Health Officer II



Dr. Ma. Lourdes Lampong  
City Health Officer I



Asec. Paulyn Jean Russel-Ubial  
DOH—Area Cluster Assistant  
Secretary for Visayas



Ms. Yukari Saito  
Section Chief  
JICA Philippines



Dr. Jaime Bernadas  
Regional Director  
DOH—CHD EV



Hon. Eric Codilla  
Ormoc City Mayor

From L-R: Registration of participants; 1st place Health Promotion Presentation; Capacity enhance-



Each of the 5 finalists for the Outstanding CHT Member received a plaque of recognition.



Greetings!  
I am Nerissa O. Lumanta, of legal age and a resident of Brgy. Salvacion, Ormoc City.  
My responsibilities as a CHT member in our barangay includes monitoring of pregnant and postpartum women. I conduct home visit all over my purok three times a week and would inform and encourage mothers to go to the health centers for prenatal checkups four times during and another four times after pregnancy. I educate the mothers of the risks during pregnancy, delivery and postpartum. I also impart to them the importance of newborn screening and have their delivery in the health facilities, handled by health care professionals like doctors, nurse or midwife. As CHT member, there are many duties to perform amidst difficulties like limited time, storm and even perilous roads we would take just to make the government health care services accessible and available to them.  
Finally, I pray to God for good health for me and my family so that I may be able to continue serving my community.



**NERISSA O LUMANTA**  
Brgy. Salvacion,  
San Pablo District

# CLUSTER I

- A total of 729 participants
- Held on December 4, 2012
- VSU Gymnasium, Baybay City
- Participated by CHTs, RHU Staff, Municipal Mayor, SB Member on Health, Barangay Chairmen, ILHZ Staff,



Oblivious to the heavy rains and strong wind brought by *bagyong Pablo*, CHTs from the Mabahinhil, Mainbay and Maharlika Inter-Local Health Zones came prepared with their Health Promotion presentations and creatively done slogans.

## MESSAGES



**Dr. Ma. Lourdes De Lara-Banquesio**  
Chief of Hospital  
Mainbay TMC Chair



**Mr. Pernites Dogracia**  
Representative  
Office of the Mayor  
Baybay City



**Dr. Edgardo E. Daya**  
Acting Provincial Health Officer II  
PHO



**Ms. Satoko Ishiga**  
Chief Advisor  
SMACHS-EV Project



**Dr. Paula Paz Sydiongco**  
LHSD Chief  
DOH-EV

## ACTIVITIES

### Awarding



### Commitment Signing



### Health Promotion Presentation



### Capacity Enhancement



**Top:** Bato RHU, 1st Place Health Promotion Presentation;  
**Right:** Hon. Silvestre Lumarda of Inopacan, Leyte with JICA and PHO person-



**"CHT: Link Towards Kalusugan Pangkalahatan"**  
The winning slogan from the RHU of

Nalipay ko kaayo nga nakatabang ug nakahatag ko ug serbisyo ngadto sa akong isig katawo". I was surprised when I was informed that I am gonna be representing our town as one of the nominees for the Provincial Outstanding CHT. I never expected and it never came into my mind that JICA & DOH would appreciate my time & effort.

Dec. 4, 2012 in VSU, Baybay City Leyte during our CHT convention, was the day that I would never ever forget in my entire life. Shocked and surprised, I received a trophy as 3rd Provincial Outstanding CHT. I thought I was dreaming and I can't believe that I'm one of the top CHTs. Big thanks to my family, especially to my husband for his undying support and understanding for my work and above all, to our Almighty God.

I am more inspired in my work after receiving the award and I offer all these efforts to my family, my community and to the Almighty God.



**NIDA BALDERAS**  
Hindang, Leyte  
3rd place  
Provincial Outstanding CHT

# CLUSTER 2



**ROSA WONG REGENCIA**  
Balugo, Albuera, Leyte  
2nd place

I am Rosa Wong Regencia, 39 years of age, living in Balugo 2, Balugo, Albuera, Leyte. I served as Barangay Health Worker (BHW) for six years. Last August 2011

I was trained and became a member of Community Health Team (CHT).

At the start of the program, the team experienced a hard time convincing pregnant women for prenatal checkup four times from fertilization until the delivery of the child. The team also experienced difficulty convincing pregnant women to use the health facility during the delivery. However, due to our constant effort explaining to them the many advantages of this new approach and for their own good. Fortunately, they follow the new way and obey what is mandated by the Department of Health (DOH).

I am very much thankful to the DOH and JICA for their invaluable and unselfish efforts to form this organization since being a member of CHT. I am very confident to guide and give advices to the pregnant women. Most importantly, the new program builds close relationship between the member of the team and the pregnant women because of more frequency on home visitation.

Furthermore, I am very thankful to the personnel behind this program for giving the members of the team a chance to participate the convention that was held at Ormoc City Superdome last December 8, 2012. I was amazed the way they welcome the participants and the way they expressed their thankfulness to the members of the team for their job well done. I am also thankful for recognizing my effort and giving me an award as second place in the Province of Leyte in which I did not expect. The award I received brought a challenge to my co-members of the team for their inspired and wanted to have it next year.

Finally, I am hopeful that the people behind this program will last longer since I strongly believe the importance and the pureness of the intention of this new approach. As long as I am a member of this team. I am willing to support and try my best to perform my duties and obligation as member of Community Health Team.

Participants coming from Kammao, Calesan and Leyte West Coast Inter Local Health Zones gathered for the CHT Convention of Cluster 2.

- A total of 615 participants
- Held on December 6, 2013
- Ormoc City Superdome
- Participated by CHTs, RHU Staff, Board Member, Municipal Mayor, Vice Mayor, SB Member on Health, Barangay Chairmen, ILHZ Staff, Non-



**Counterclockwise:** The awardees for the Outstanding CHTs; Singing of the solidarity song *If We Hold on Together*; capacity enhancement activity; Cluster 2 committee; awarding of winners; and commitment signing



### Health Promotion Presentation

Incorporating the jingle entitled “Sa Health Center, Suportado ka” in their performances, municipalities of Leyte Leyte, Isabel, Albuera and Merida competed in the Health Promotion Presentation. With their amusing and educational role play



ISABEL RHU



ALBUERA



MERIDA RHU



LEYTE RHU

### MESSAGES



**Hon. Deborah Bertulfo**  
Board Member  
Province of Leyte



**Hon. Eric Codilla**  
Ormoc City Mayor

# CLUSTER 3



**LEA GACOS SARMIENTO**  
Dulag, Leyte  
1st Place  
Provincial Outstanding CHT

Committing life to CHT is not easy. Before, I thought that it was just a waste of my time, going to and from. But when I listened to the orientation about Community Health Teams, I felt so amazed and excited, thinking that I can serve my neighbours, my friends as well as my family through pregnancy tracking, postpartum women and the newborn babies. I never thought that my task would get deeper and wider when I was informed that I would be one of the nominees for the most outstanding CHT volunteer SMACHS-EV for Leyte. "What can I do?" I asked myself. Am I worthy for this competition? These questions bothered my mind making me feel intimidated. But my friends and family boosted my confidence, inspiring me with their encouraging words. Also, with the help of my mentors, the RN Heals and most especially to our midwife, Mrs. Zenaida S. Alicando who continually gave their support by sharing their points of view on this competition, I was able to focus on my work as a CHT member.

Feeling nervous and excited, I attended the CHT Convention in Tacloban last December 11, 2012. When the Most Outstanding CHT Member for SMACHS-EV for Leyte was called, I was astounded when my name was called. I really did not see it coming. And as I received the recognition, I have this thought whether the work done is great or small, there is always a reward intended for us. "Malaki man o maliit ang ginawa natin, may nakalaan para sa atin." I have realized that our efforts are not in vain. God rewards us especially when we do our task with patience, hard work and by heart. With the award, I am more than ever determined to do better in my work. Meaning to guide and bring more pregnant mothers and newborns to the health center. Encourage more women to deliver in the health facility. Likewise, I hope that all my fellow CHT members will be inspired to do better just as I am.

Lastly I would like to thank JICA for their support to the CHT in implementing this project of SMACHS EV.

- A total of 1205 participants
- Held on December 11, 2013
- Leyte Park Gymnasium
- Participated by CHTs, RHU Staff, Provincial Governor, Municipal Mayor, SB Member on Health, Barangay Chairmen, ILHZ Staff, Non-

Awarding of Outstanding CHTs, Health Promotion presentations, Commitment Signing and formal launching of MNCHN-SDN project of DOH in partnership with USAID, made up the CHT Convention of Cluster 3 (Goodwill, Leyte Gulf, Golden Harvest and Leyte Plains ILHZ).



**Right (top-bottom):** Gov. Bagulaya with the USAID and JICA representatives; Cluster 3 CHT awardees; Commitment signing; Singing of the solidarity song;  
**Left-Right:** Capacity Enhancement activity; health promotion presentation;

## INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES



**Atty. Anabelle de Veyra**  
Administrative Officer  
DOH-EV



**Ms. Reynalda Perez**  
Representative  
USAID Office of Health



**Dr. Ma. Soledad Antonio**  
Chief Project Management Unit  
DOH-BHIC



**Hon. Ma. Mimietta Bagulaya**  
Governor  
Province of Leyte



**Dr. Junichi Nitta**  
Seconds Secretary  
Health Attache  
Japan Embassy

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Showing his full support to the CHT program, Hon. Mayor Silvestre T. Lumarda of Inopacan, Leyte attended the CHT Convention for Cluster 1 last December 4, 2012 at VSU Gymnasium, Baybay City. He shared with pride how active and supportive the Inopacan LGU to the CHT program. On JICA SMACHS-EV project request, Mayor Lumarda sent his message for us and further expressed his appreciation to the provincial government of Leyte and JICA in their drive to provide accessible quality health care.



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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Being a chief executive of the municipality, I have envisioned Inopacan as one that is part of the league of successful towns in the country. Part of this vision is ensuring that the health of our people is constantly looked into while we gear up towards sustainable development.

With the deployment of Community Health Teams to every corner in the municipality to implement the SMACHS-Eastern Visayas Project as a substantial element of the national government's goal towards universal health care, we are more than pleased and willing to be a part of the endeavor in providing our constituents, especially the mothers and children, access to quality health attention and care.

We are likewise pleased that our efforts and commitment of support to the project, and the hard work of our Community Health Team towards attaining its goals, have gained us the recognition during the SMACHS-CHT Convention. It was an event that is momentous for this municipality, and meaningful to our CHT.

For and in behalf of my constituents, we therefore express our gratitude to JICA for forging partnerships with the Provincial Government of Leyte, and for helping our people gain access to quality health care.

*Silvestre T. Lumarda*  
**SILVESTRE TLUMARDA**  
 Municipal Mayor, Inopacan

## CHT CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Cluster 1** — Mabahinhil, Mainbay & Maharlika



**Cluster 2** - Kammas, Calesan & Leyte West Coast



DOH, PHO, USAID &



DOH, PHO &



**Cluster 3**— Leyte Gulf, Golden Harvest, Leyte Plains



**Ormoc city**- Ipil, Valencia, San Pablo, Curva & Linao Districts



JICA staff with DR.

## SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISION INITIATED IN LEYTE AND ORMOC

### What is Supportive Supervision?

Supportive supervision (SSV) is a crucial mechanism to support and maintain the delivery of quality BEmONC services. With the view to involve the referral hospitals to become supervisors, a BEmONC team from each District Hospital has been trained. This decision was taken as the hospital staffs are clinically oriented and the regular contact between the primary and secondary facilities through supportive supervision would improve the two-way referral system. In consultation with district hospital chiefs and EVRMC personnel, who form the Technical Working Group for monitoring, this training was organized by the SMACHS-EV project with CHD-EV, PHO Leyte, CHO Ormoc in order to establish a system for supportive supervision as an integral part of overall monitoring framework of MNCHN strategies.

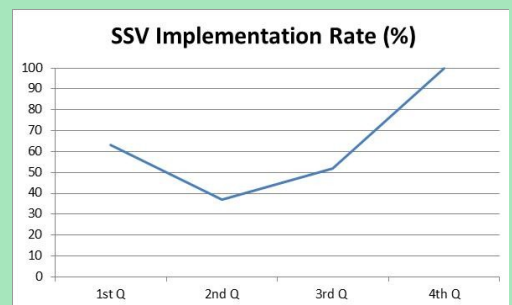


Unique in the province of Leyte, the program was initiated to ensure quality BEmONC services in 2011. The program over the years has been a great help to the province in the supervision of the RHU on BEmONC service performance.



DOH MCH Family Health cluster head, Dr. Corazon Sabulao, recollected that the program encountered some problems. As a matter of fact, problems with regards to the schedule, transportation and the feedback system were only a few of what were encountered on the realization of the program. Nonetheless, due to the joint efforts of both ends – the RHU and District Hospitals, came up with solutions to these problems. Chief nurses of district hospitals were invited to attend meetings to answer the issue of scheduling. The supportive supervision was then conducted during duties, uncompromising personal time of the supervisors. Regarding the transportation, when not in use, ambulances were used in going to and from the RHUs. Otherwise, negotiations were made with RHUs in the provision of transport vehicles. Chief of Hospitals, chief nurses and district nurse supervisors were involved in a series of meetings to tackle issues and to find ways to resolve them. Also, the SSV tools were then revised to make it more user-friendly.

With the cooperation and effort of host RHUs, implementation SSV teams, and Technical Working Group, we were able to achieve a hundred percent rate in its second year of implementation in the whole province.



“With persistent and constant follow-up, monitoring and meetings, it was not impossible to come up with that one hundred percent implementation rate. In fact, we are doing well now. The program is now more into its sustainability and expansion to municipalities outside the area SMACHS-EV is targeting. Trainings have been conducted for the needed additional supervisors. To achieve this, incentives may be given to best performing ILHZ and or making SSV performance a criteria in hailing such award to the ILHZ.”

**DR. CORAZON SABULAO**  
CHO I/Head—Family Health Cluster

It would be a beneficial to make this program province-wide, not only the area SMACHS-EV is targeting, but also other areas. Let us make this the mark of the Province of Leyte – our ability to conduct and sustain Supportive supervision.

# Upcoming Activities

February 22	Orientation of HRS procedures—MAINBAY ILHZ
February 26	Orientation of HRS procedures—Leyte Plains ILHZ
February 26	Orientation of HRS procedures—Kammaso ILHZ
February 28	Orientation of HRS procedures—MABAHINHIL ILHZ
February 28	MNDR Goodwill ILHZ
March 4	Joint CHT Core Team Meeting
March 5	MNDR Leyte Plains ILHZ
March 5	Orientation of HRS procedures—Calesan ILHZ
March 6 & 7	Joint MNDR/ILHZ TC meeting
March 8	MNDR Ormoc
March 12	Orientation on BEmONC forms (1st batch)
March 19	MNDR Kammaso
March 21	MNDR Leyte West Coast ILHZ
April 16	Orientation on BEmONC forms (2nd batch)
April 18	8th TWG meeting on monitoring

Check-out or download the music!

## National Version "Sa Health Center, Suportado ka!"

<http://chd1.doh.gov.ph/index.php/news/242-sa-health-center-suportado-ka>



**What is "SMACHS-EV" ...?** Strengthening Maternal And Child Health Services in Eastern Visayas or **SMACHS-EV** is an initiative of the Philippine government through the Department of Health – Center for Health Development Eastern Visayas (DOH-CHD EV) with funding and technical support from JICA to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in Eastern Visayas.

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