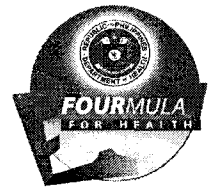


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**SUBJECT: Guidelines for Sub-allotment of capital outlay funds to the National TB Reference Laboratory (NTRL-RITM)**

**I. Rationale**

National TB Reference Laboratory-RITM is the laboratory arm of the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) in the Philippines and recognized as the national reference laboratory, which is responsible for referral examinations, national guideline development and quality assurance of any mycobacterial laboratory examinations, including overseeing the implementation and monitoring of the external quality assessment (EQA) for direct sputum smear microscopy nationwide. At present, NTRL is also performing drug susceptibility testing (DST) to confirm the diagnosis of MDRTB necessary for treatment of said cases.

Based on the Mission report of Dr. Satoshi Mitarai (STC, WHO), upgrading of the NTRL to a Bio-Safety Level 3 (BSL3) NTRL is necessary to strengthen this TB Laboratory and to adapt to the structural design of a culture center as well as to install appropriate infection control measures.

**II. Objective**


To sub-allot capital outlay funds for upgrading/ repair/renovation of NTRL in accordance to the recommended design and necessities.

**III. General Guidelines:**

1. The Infectious Disease Office, NCDPC shall sub-allot a total amount of **Five Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos ( P 5,300,000.00)** from the funds of the **TB Control Program** for the **National TB Reference Laboratory (NTRL)** through the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM)
2. The capital outlay funds shall be used for upgrading/ repair/ renovation of the NTRL;
3. The Director of the RITM, shall ensure that the persons-in charge of activities and the budget/accounting division are properly informed of these guidelines.
4. The NTRL-RITM shall ensure submission of the Liquidation Reports noted/approved by the RITM Director to the DOH Finance Service, copy furnished TB Unit-IDO, NCDPC, DOH, Manila;

5. The expenditures from the sub-allotted funds are subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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