



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER**

No. 2011- 0162

**SUBJECT: Guidelines on the Utilization of Fund Sub-allotment to National TB Reference Laboratory (NTRL)-RITM from the Tuberculosis Control Program for the conduct of 2<sup>nd</sup> Drug Resistance Survey (DRS) 2011.**

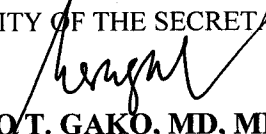
**Background**

The National TB reference Laboratory (NTRL) in collaboration with the National TB Control Program will conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> Drug Resistance Survey which aims to (1) determine the national prevalence of resistance to four (4) major TB drugs (HRES) among new and previously treated TB patients, and (2) to determine the prevalence of multi-drug resistant TB among new and previously treated patients. Its conduct requires engaging the Rural Health Units, DOTS Facilities and Microscopy Centers to collect the necessary clinical data and specimens for study, which entails training the medical technologist/microscopist, hence this sub-allotment is necessary.

**General Guidelines:**

1. The Infectious Disease Office, NCDPC shall sub-allot M.O.O.E funds amounting to Nine Million Six Hundred Thousand Pesos ( P9,600,000.00) from the **TB Control Program** to support the **2<sup>nd</sup> Drug Resistance Survey 2011** which will cover augmentation support on training expenses, purchase of office supplies and materials, laboratory supplies, couriers, fuel and lubricants, transportation and travelling expenses, incentives for implementers and enrolled patients, and job order contract;
2. The RITM Director shall ensure that the person-in charge of activities and the budget/ accounting division are properly informed of this guideline;
3. The NTRL Head shall prepare the needed schedule of activities for cash program back-ups in coordination with its finance office; while the finance office shall facilitate and ensure the release of said funds accordingly;
4. The disbursement of funds shall follow government accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
5. In the event that funds are not completely utilized, the remaining amount can be used for other account codes or related to NTP implementation;
6. The NTRL Head shall ensure submission of fund utilization report not later than November 30, 2011, to the DOH Finance Service noted by the RITM Director and copy furnished NCDPC-National TB Control Program.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH:

  
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