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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ORDER
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SUBJECT: Creation of the 2nd TB Drug Resistance Surveillance (DRS) Team.

In 2004, the 1st Philippine Drug Resistance Surveillance (DRS) for TB, initiated by the Department of Health (DOH) and partners, showed that drug resistance on TB was 3.8% among new cases and 20.9% among previously treated ones. This data is essential for future planning and evaluation of the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) especially on its scale-up for the Programmatic Management on Drug Resistant TB (PMDT).

Conduct of 2nd DRS project will determine the prevalence of the current anti TB drug resistance cases in comparison to the 1st DRS. To achieve the main objective of determining the national prevalence of MDR-TB among new and previously treated patients, the 2nd DRS team is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

- 1. The STEERING COMMITTEE (SC)** shall provide oversight and direction to the project implementation according to its approved workplan.

Chairman:	Dr. Enrique Tayag	OIC, <i>Assistant Secretary</i> , PSDR- HSF
Co-Chairman:	Dr. Remegio Olveda	<i>Director IV</i> , Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM)
Co-Chairman:	Dr. Eduardo Janairo	<i>Director IV</i> , National Center for Disease Prevention and Control (NCDPC)
Members:	Dr. Vito Roque	OIC, Division Chief, Public Health Surveillance and Informatics
	Dr. Jaime Lagahid	<i>Director III</i> , Infectious Disease Office
	Dr. Akira Shimouchi	<i>Vice Director</i> , RIT-RATA, Japan
	Dr. Woojin Lew	Medical Officer, World Health Organization (WHO) Country Office
	Dir. Jazmin Gutierrez	<i>Director</i> , Philippine Business for Social Progress – Global Fund (PBSP) – GF
	Dr. Yolanda Oliveros	<i>Health Officer</i> , USAID

- 2. The NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NCC)** shall plan, monitor and ensure implementation of the approved work plan.

Chairman:	Dr. Noel Macalalad	<i>Head</i> , National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory (NTRL)
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Members:	Dr. Vivian Lofranco	<i>Medical Specialist IV, Lung Center of the Philippines</i>
	Dr. Rosalind Vianzon	<i>Medical Specialist IV, Infectious Disease Office</i>
	Ms. Cristina Villarico	<i>Bacteriologist IV, RITM</i>
	Dr. Veronica Tallo	<i>Medical Specilaist IV, RITM</i>

2.1 Program Management Team shall:

- a. plan the DRS project together with the other teams
- b. conduct the training of doctors and nurses on patient interview, patient registration, infection prevention and control of tuberculosis (IPCT) and counselling;
- c. conduct program monitoring and evaluation;
- d. facilitate LGU advocacy; and
- e. plan and manage the pilot test.

Leader:	Dr. Rosalind Vianzon	<i>NTP Manager, IDO - DOH</i>
Members:	Dr. Anna Marie Celina Garfin	<i>Medical Specialist IV, DOH-IDO</i>
	Dr. Amelia Medina	<i>Medical Specialist IV, CHD MM</i>
	Dr. Paz Agujo	<i>Medical Officer, Manila CHO</i>
	Dr. Ma. Lourdes San Juan	<i>Medical Officer VI, Pasay CHO</i>
	Dr. Allan Fabella	<i>Project Coordinator I, IDO-NTP</i>
	Mr. Lorenzo Reyes	<i>Project Associate III, IDO-NTP</i>
	Ms. Arlene Escobido	<i>Project AideII, IDO-NTP</i>
	(1) Medical Doctor	

2.2 Laboratory Team shall:

- a. conduct laboratory training for medical technologists;
- b. manage all logistics (laboratory and non-laboratory);
- c. conduct monitoring and evaluation of laboratory aspects of the implementation
- d. perform Quality Assurance (local and international) by Supranational Reference Laboratories).

Leader:	Ms. Cristina Villarico	<i>Bacteriologist IV, NTRL</i>
Members:	Dr. Ma. Cecilia Ama	<i>Medical Specialist III, NTRL</i>
	Mr. Cristino Narciso	<i>Science Research Specialist II, NTRL</i>
	Ms. Alma Palparan	<i>Medical Technologist II, NTRL</i>
	Ms. Marienella Galit	<i>Bacteriologist I, NTRL</i>
	Ms. Lydia Sombrero	<i>Consultant, SSRS, RITM</i>
	(1) Logistic Officer	

2.3 Epidemiology/Statistical Team (EST) shall:

- a. develop Data Management System and Tools;
- b. conduct data analysis; and
- c. perform data quality audit.

Leader:	Dr. Veronica Tallo	<i>Supevising Science Research Specialist and Depatment Head, RITM – DEBS</i>
Members:	Dr. Akihiro Ohkado	<i>RIT JATA - Philippines</i>
	Dr. Socorro Lupisan	<i>RITM</i>
	Ms. Marianne Inobaya	<i>Supervising Science Research Specialist, RITM – DEBS</i>

Dr. Agnes Segarra
(2) Data Encoders
(1) Administrative Staff

Division Chief, DOH – NEC

3. The SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE POOL (STAP) shall provide scientific and technical advice to the National Coordinating Council (NCC).

Members:	Dr. Norio Yamada	Research Institute of Tuberculosis (RIT), Japan
	Dr. Satoshi Mitarai	Research Institute of Tuberculosis (RIT)
	Dr. Mariquita Mantala	<i>Medical Officer</i> , WHO, Country Office (oversee the Program Management Team)
	Dr. Adelwisa Ortega	<i>Professor</i> , University of the Philippines College of Public Health
	Dr. Jaime Montoya	<i>Executive Director</i> , Philippine Council for Health Research Development (PCHRD)
	Dr. Arthur Lagos	<i>Medical Officer</i> , TB – LINC
	Mr. Eric Camacho	Program Manager for TB Global Fund
	Dr. Jesus Sarol Jr.	Local Expert/Consultant

4. The DRS SECRETARIAT shall:

- a. coordinate day to day implementation of the DRS project for the NCC;
- b. facilitate contracting of the consultants by PBSP;
- c. provide administrative, logistics and technical backstopping to SC, NCC and DRS Operations Team;
- d. manage DRS events (meetings, workshops, fora, etc.)
- e. maintain records and documentation
- f. facilitate communication and coordination among all stakeholders.

Operations Manager:	Dr. Ma. Cecilia Ama	<i>Medical Specialist IV</i> , NTRL
Members:	Mr. Rodolfo Villarico	<i>Chief Administrative Officer</i> , NTRL
	Ms. Basilisa Tan	<i>Administrative Officer V</i> , NTRL
	Mr. Ian Carlo Bustamante	<i>Research Assistant</i> , NTRL
	(3) Administrative Staff	
	(1) Contracts Officer	
	(3) Technical Officer	
	(1) PMT Officer	
	(1) Laboratory Officer	
	(1) Epi/Stat Officer	

5. Selected CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHDs) shall train and monitor the activity in coordination with the NCC. Implementation of the laboratory component shall be performed by the five regional reference laboratories in their catchment areas.

6. Selected LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS shall implement the activity at their level.

Under this order, SC, NCC and CHD activities relevant to the conduct of meetings and travel expenses shall be charged against the Global Fund - TB; while trainings under PMT shall be charged to the sub-allotted funds in the respective CHDs.

This Department Personnel Order shall take effect on May 16, 2011 to April 2012.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH:

for: 

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Policy, Standards Development and Regulation and
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