



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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**FOR : ALL DIRECTORS OF DOH REGIONAL OFFICES (RO) AND
SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR
MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)**

SUBJECT : Designation of regional point-person for TB-HIV Collaboration

DATE : 5 February 2015

TB-HIV collaboration is an initiative by the Department of Health under the joint-management of the National TB Control Program (NTP) and National STI / AIDS Prevention and Control Program to address the growing challenge of TB-HIV co-morbidity. Per Administrative Order 2014-0005 "Revised Policies and Guidelines in the Collaborative Approach of TB and HIV Prevention and Control", the NTP and NASPCP are mandated to adopt a unified approach in tackling this burden through close coordination and joint management activities. The regional office shall be responsible in overseeing TB-HIV implementation activities at the local level which include 1) planning 2) capacity building 3) logistics and information management 4) advocacy and 5) monitoring, supervision and evaluation.

On the other hand, there is an increasing need for synchronizing/integrating related programs for efficient implementation vis a vis budget optimization. In view of the on-going rationalization, a regional point-person for TB-HIV collaboration becomes relevant.

In view thereof, all regional offices and ARMM are hereby directed to designate a TB-HIV point-person to serve as the lead for TB-HIV collaboration activities in their respective regions. Furthermore, the same offices are requested to send the name, office and contact details of the designate to ntp.mne@gmail.com so that all concerned agencies/counterparts can be advised accordingly.

For your compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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