



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

**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

No. 2015- 0069

**TO: ALL DOH REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS & SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM MINDANAO**

**SUBJECT: UTILIZATION OF ADJUSTED TB INCIDENCE RATE FOR 2015**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2015**


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Per recommendation by the World Health Organization (WHO), the National TB Control Program (NTP) will utilize adjusted incidence rate of 292 / 100,000 effective January 2015. The rationale for the change is based on statistical observation from national data submitted by NTP that TB cases are still progressively increasing over the years despite successful intensified efforts to detect and cure cases since DOTS implementation in 1996. Following global trends and given the success of DOTS implementation nationwide, natural progression should indicate decreasing rather than increasing TB case detection trends. Analysis by WHO indicates that this could be mostly attributed to underestimation of incidence rate leading to underreported number of cases hence the need for adjustment to reflect more accurate TB situation in the country.

In view thereof, all concerned offices are hereby directed to apply 292 cases per 100,000 population estimated incidence in the calculation of relevant NTP indicators and setting of appropriate targets.

For your information and compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

  
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