



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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

**SUBJECT : COLLECTION OF TREATMENT OUTCOME OF TB
PATIENTS FOR THE "SURVEILLANCE OF MOXIFLOXACIN
AND PYRAZINAMIDE RESISTANCE AMONG TB PATIENTS
IN THE PHILIPPINES"**

In line with global efforts to mitigate multi-drug resistant (MDR) and extensively resistant (XDR) TB, the World Health Organization (WHO) is currently conducting "Surveillance of Moxifloxacin and Pyrazinamide Resistance among TB patients in the Philippines", in collaboration with the National TB Control Program (NTP) and National TB Reference Laboratory (NTRL). The main objective of the study is to assess the proportion of resistance to Moxifloxacin and Pyrazinamide among TB cases in the Philippines. More specifically, the study also aims to assess the correlation between treatment outcomes of patients and resistance to rifampicin, isoniazid, pyrazinamide, and fluoroquinolones. The subjects included in the study were extracted from the Drug Resistance Survey (DRS) conducted in 2011-2012.

In view thereof, all regional and ARMM NTP coordinators are hereby directed to facilitate the collection of treatment outcome data of TB patients from the DOTS facilities within their respective jurisdiction, as indicated in the attached list. An electronic format will be sent to your respective email addresses in this regard.

Please send accomplished list, preferably in eformat, to ntp.mne@gmail.com not later than May 1, 2015. For pertinent concerns, contact Ms Maricel Trono (NTP staff) at 02 3105713.

For your usual cooperation.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vic Belizario", is written over the typed name.

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