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DEPARTMENT ORDER

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SUBJECT: Guidelines on Fund Transfer to DOH- Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) through the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) for the Implementation of Infectious Diseases Control Programs Funded by the Budget Line Items of 1. Elimination of Diseases as Public Health Threat 2. Other Infectious Diseases 3. TB Control Program

I. RATIONALE

Infectious diseases are caused by various organisms such as bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites. They're normally harmless or even helpful, but under certain conditions, some organisms may cause disease. Some infectious diseases can be passed from person to person, some are transmitted by bites from insects or animals and others are acquired by ingesting contaminated food or water or being exposed to organisms in the environment.

The Department of Health (DOH) maximizes public health and safety through elimination, prevention and control of infectious diseases, disabilities and deaths caused by various infectious diseases.

In this view, the DOH through Diseases Prevention and Control Bureau (DPCB) will provide additional resources to Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) for the prevention and control of other infectious diseases.

II. OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines in the allocation and utilization of fund transfer to ARMM.

III. COVERAGE

This Order covers utilization of funds intended to support the implementation of control programs, surveys and special studies of various infectious diseases.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Fund transferred to DOH - ARMM through ARG- ARMM shall be used, but not limited to, payments for the following expenses: meetings, procurement of supplies and materials, printing of relevant materials for the program, services, contracts, travel allowances, job orders, per diem, communication and fuel expenses necessary to implement the activities of the following control programs:

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1.1 Other Infectious Diseases Budget Line Item:

- a. Soil-transmitted Helminth Control Program
- b. Food and Water-borne Diseases Control Program
- c. National Dengue Control Program
- d. National AIDS/STI Prevention and Control Program
- e. Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases Control Program

1.2 Elimination of Diseases as Public Health Threat

- a. National Filariasis Elimination Program
- b. National Schistosomiasis Elimination and Control Program
- c. National Leprosy Control Program
- d. National Malaria Elimination and Control Program

1.3 TB Control Program Budget Line Item

- a. National Tuberculosis Control Program

2. The amounts to be transferred are:

| Budget Line Item | Amount (in Peso) |
|---|-------------------------|
| Other Infectious Diseases | 4,150,000.00 |
| Elimination of Diseases as Public Health Threat | 13,820,000.00 |
| TB Control Program | 10,000,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 27,970,000.00 |

3. Monthly Fund Utilization Report with all the pertinent supporting documents shall be submitted by ARG-ARMM to the Finance Service of the Department of Health, on or before the 7th day of the following month;
4. All expenses are subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

V. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

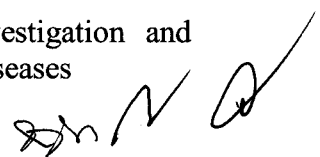
The following activities shall be performed by the implementing units:

1. Soil-transmitted Helminth Control Program

- a. School and Community-based deworming campaign
- b. Program orientation/reorientation
- c. Awarding ceremonies
- d. Surveys and special studies
- e. Consultative meetings and program reviews
- f. Expenses for adverse events following deworming (AEFD)
- g. Production/reproduction of IEC materials
- h. Prevalence Survey in Sulu and Maguindanao

2. Food and Water-borne Diseases Control Program

- a. FBWD interventions of the region including case notification, case investigation of reported cases of FWBD and outbreaks
- b. Conduct of training on Surveillance, Outbreak Investigation and Response to microbial agents of food and waterborne diseases
- c. Monitoring Activities



3. National Dengue Prevention and Control Program

- a. Conduct of training on dengue clinical case management for public and private practitioners
- b. Conduct of Dengue Advocacy Activities
- c. ASEAN Dengue Day
- d. Orientation on Dengue School-Based Immunization
- e. Augment needed resources (as MOOE only) during possible dengue outbreak

4. National AIDS/STI Prevention and Control Program

- a. Conduct of World AIDS Day events and AIDS Candlelight Memorial Ceremony
- b. Conduct of I ACT Campaign in universities in partnership with HEPO and other advocacy and communication events
- c. Conduct of Viral Hepatitis Orientations/Fora

5. Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases Control Program

- a. Development of Regional Preparedness and Response Plan for EREIDs
- b. Orientation on emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases to Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams and other stakeholders
- c. Monitoring of areas with reported cases
- d. Advocacy activities
- e. Support to the development of model sites/LGU on pandemic preparedness

6. National Filariasis Elimination Program

- a. Orientation/ Re-orientation on the LF program including disability management
- b. Mobilization Funds for the conduct of Midterm Survey
- c. Mobilization Funds for the conduct of TAS Survey
- d. Mobilization Funds for the conduct of MDA
- e. Advocacy activities including IEC materials reproduction
- f. Procurement of laboratory supplies for the midterm and TAS surveys
- g. Procurement of supportive drugs for MDA
- h. Sustainability plan for areas that are in the post MDA status
- i. Provision of performance grant to IUs that reached elimination status
- j. Vehicle rental for monitoring of infectious diseases
- k. Consultative meetings/Program review
- l. Management of adverse events due to MDA
- m. Hydrocoelectomy
- n. Endemic mapping /deformity survey
- o. Communication expenses
- p. Support for the declaration of LF-free status

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- q. Hiring of one (1) Job Order to act as Surveillance Officer to be based in the Infectious Cluster to work closely with the RESU, PESU, CESU and MESU to oversee the status of diseases targeted for elimination

7. National Schistosomiasis Elimination and Control Program


Mass and Selective Chemotherapy

- a. Orientation training on Ensuring Safety on Preventive Chemotherapy and Addressing Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) for LGUs
- b. Support for the provision of anti-side reaction and supportive drugs
- c. Pre and Post multi-sectoral orientation, consultation workshop, planning and review on harmonized and combined MDA.

Environmental Sanitation and Snail Control (Transmission Control)

- a. Basic follow-up orientation training in Malacology and Snail control for LGUs in endemic Barangays
- b. Technical assistance to LGUs for Advance Malacology and Snail Control and Surveillance orientation training with guided endemic mapping of transmission sites using Geographic Information System (GIS)
- c. Technical Support to Snail Control, Snail Surveillance and evaluation through recruitment/hiring of Malacologist (P30, 000.00/month in one year).
- d. Technical support to Environmental Sanitation (CLTS-ZOD, WASH, capability building of Sanitation Inspectors and other activities) **.
- a. ****Physical infrastructure shall be the counterpart of LGUs.**

Advocacy, Partnership and Social Mobilization

- a. Partnership forum and advocacy orientation to promote schistosomiasis awareness and Preventive Chemotherapy activities with LGUs, DepEd and other NGAs.
 - b. Support to LGU Mobilization activities on Preventive Chemotherapy (RCA, mop up activities), Transmission Control (Sanitation, snail clearing and modification activities) and Recognition/Awards for highly performing LGUs
 - c. Support for the reproduction of customized prototype IEC materials for Schistosomiasis Awareness and Mass Treatment Month
 - d. Technical Support to Advocacy, Communication, Social Mobilization and Health promotion activities includes hiring of program assistants (Medical Technologist) and encoders, provision of communication cards or airtime expenses and procurement of advocacy materials (e.g. T-shirts, bags, hats, etc).
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Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation

- a. Monitoring and supervision of MDA treatment month, environmental sanitation activities, sentinel surveillance of index schools and snail sites and other SCEP activities including provision of vehicle rental and transport expenses.

8. National Leprosy Control Program

- a. Advocacy/IEC (World Leprosy Day, Skin Awareness Week, Kilatis Kutis)
- b. Human Resource Development/Training Support for RHU Refresher on Basic Leprosy Diagnosis and Management, LEARNS and e-Learning on Stigma and Discrimination, Integrated Leprosy Information Systems and LEARNS and e-Learning on Stigma and Discrimination for Barangay Health Workers
- c. Monitoring and Evaluation
- d. Procurement of commodities
- e. Procurement of supplies and materials
- f. Other Leprosy Control activities

9. National Malaria Elimination and Control Program

- a. Conduct of Training on Malaria Diagnosis, Treatment and Vector Control
- b. Conduct of Monitoring and Evaluation to Municipalities and Provinces
- c. QA on Diagnosis, Treatment and Vector Control and Mapping
- d. Border operations, other malaria-related activities
- e. Advocacy activities like Malaria Awareness Day and Malaria Awareness Month etc.
- f. Procurement of laboratory supplies, nets and chemicals
- g. Support to Collaborating Centers
- h. Hiring of Disease Surveillance and Response Officers and other Job Orders
- i. Support to Establishment of Malaria Elimination Hub
- j. Roll –out Malaria Manual of Operations
- k. Development, production reproduction of IEC materials
- l. Meetings, conferences, forum
- m. Freight, handling, transportation

10. National Tuberculosis Control Program

- a. Hiring of Contractual/Job Order to support NTP activities for drug-susceptible, drug-resistant, those with TB-HIV infection, for TB data collection and encoding and warehouse officers/supply officers to manage TB commodities at regional level.
- b. Provision of Communication Allowances to the NTP Medical, Nurse, Medical Technologists as support to TB transmittals and communications.


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- c. Provision of transportation in the likes of vehicle rental for monitoring, supervision and evaluation activities and for distribution of TB commodities from region to LGUs (province/city) and other TB DOTS facilities as needed.
- d. Provision of support to sustain the operation of the NTP Regional Coordinating Committees (RCC), Provincial Coordinating Committee among others.
- e. Provision of support for capacity building activities such as but not limited to:
 - i. Infection Control
 - ii. Integrated Tuberculosis Information System (ITIS)
 - iii. TB-HIV Collaboration
- f. Conduct of contact investigation/contact tracing.
- g. Conduct of monitoring, supervision and evaluation activities such as actual visits to DOTS facilities, program implementation reviews (PIR) and data quality check.
- h. Conduct of meetings for the TB Diagnostic Committees (TBDC).
- i. Conduct of Advocacy and Networking activities which include:
 - i. World TB Day Celebration
 - ii. National Lung Month
- j. Support to TB and TB-related researches initiated by the national, regional or by respective LGU.
- k. Support to TB laboratory activities and TB laboratory services provided by the regional laboratory network.
- l. Support to incentive grants to LGU's for TB control activities.
- m. Support to engaged public and private hospitals in the implementation of Hospital TB initiative.
- n. Support to facilities implementing NTP for the vulnerable groups such as in jails and prisons.
- o. Support to the activities related to National Tuberculosis Prevalence Survey (NTPS).
- p. Enabler support to TB patients.
- q. Production of IEC materials.
- r. Provision of support on courier services for transport of specimens.

VI. EFFECTIVITY

This order takes effect immediately.

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