



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT ORDER

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SUBJECT: Guidelines on the Utilization of Fund Sub-allotment to Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) to Support Integration of Tuberculosis-Paragonimiasis Surveillance

I. RATIONALE

Pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB) and Paragonimiasis are two diseases of public health importance that mimic each other's signs & symptoms but vary in the epidemiology. This challenge could lead to a high probability of misdiagnosis and inappropriate clinical management especially because a standard diagnostic method for paragonimiasis has not been established yet in the country.

Paragonimiasis is mistaken as PTB since the former is a Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) while the latter is a prevailing illness. The national surveillance laboratory can be strengthened to assist the FWBD Program in improving the capacities and capabilities of the peripheral health facilities in diagnosing better Paragonimiasis.

The FWBD shall provide financial support to RITM to equip them with the needed training materials for the integration of TB-Paragonimiasis. The amount shall also support their operations to effect such integration.

II. OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines in the allocation and utilization of fund sub-allotment to the Department of Parasitology- Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM).

III. COVERAGE

This order covers utilization of funds intended to support activities relative to the Integration of Tuberculosis and Paragonimiasis Surveillance and Case Management.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The amount to be sub-allotted to RITM is One Million Pesos only (PhP1,000,000.00) from the GAA 2016 Other Infectious Disease and Emerging and Re-emerging diseases including HIV/AIDS. Dengue, Food and Water-borne Diseases Budget Line Item.

V. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

1. The fund sub allotted shall be used for the collection, preparation and archiving of slides positive with paragonimiasis. The fund shall also be spend for the conduct of training on Integrated TB-Paragonimiasis Surveillance and Case Management;

2. The sub allotted amount is classified as MOOE and shall be utilized by December 31, 2017;
3. In the event that portion or any excess of the sub allotted amount is not utilized for the intended purpose, such amount may be used to finance other activities related to Food and Waterborne Diseases Program;
4. All expenses are subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

VI. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RECEIVING AGENCY

1. The RITM shall spearhead the collection, preparation and archiving of the specimens and the preparation of the slides that shall be used for training at field levels;
2. The RITM shall facilitate the distribution of the prepared slides positive for TB and/or Paragonimiasis for archiving of Regional Offices for future use in training of trainers;
3. The RITM shall assist the Food and Waterborne Diseases Program with the conduct of the training on the Integrated TB-Paragonimiasis Surveillance and Case Management for Regional, Provincial/City/Municipal Coordinators, Medical Technicians and other health workers involved in TB-Paragonimiasis Surveillance;
4. The RITM shall ensure submission of Fund Utilization Report quarterly, certified correct by the accountant and submitted to the Finance Management Service of this department copy furnished Disease Prevention and Control Bureau- Food and Waterborne Diseases Program.

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EFFECTIVITY

This order takes effect immediately.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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