



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT ORDER

No. 2017- 0196

SUBJECT: Guidelines on the Utilization of Sub-allotted Funds from the National Tuberculosis Control Program to Selected Regional TB Culture Centers and the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine – National TB Reference Laboratory for the Conduct of the 3rd Drug Resistance Survey in 2018

I. RATIONALE

The National TB Reference Laboratory (NTRL) in collaboration with the National TB Control Program (NTP) will conduct the 3rd Drug Resistance Survey (DRS) in 2018. The objectives of the survey are to 1). Determine the national prevalence of resistance to four (4) major TB drugs (HRES) among new and previously treated TB patients, 2). Determine the prevalence of multi-drug resistant TB among new and previously treated patients, and to 3). Determine the trends of drug resistance for new and retreatment TB cases from the previous drug resistance survey in 2012. The conduct of the said activity requires engaging the Rural Health Centers, private facilities within the NTP network and Microscopy Centers for the gathering of samples from new and re-treatment TB cases. The regional culture centers will be the hub for the inoculation of the specimens. As such there is a need to maintain the safety and operations of these culture laboratories.

With the initial meeting of the NTRL and NTP with partners for the conduct of the 3rd DRS, it was identified that more samples will be gathered for this survey because of the use of new tools. With this, there is a need to provide additional support to NTRL of the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine.

II. OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines in the allocation and utilization of sub-allotted funds to Regional TB Culture Centers and the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine – NTRL.

III. GUIDELINES

1. Funds from GAA 2017 National TB Control Program budget line item in the amount of **Twenty Nine Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos only (Php 29,300,000.00)** shall be sub-allotted to the following:

Name	Amount
Region I	1,000,000.00
Region II	300,000.00
Region III	1,000,000.00
Region V	2,000,000.00
Region VI	2,000,000.00
Region VIII	1,000,000.00

Region IX	3,000,000.00
Region X	1,000,000.00
Region XI	3,000,000.00
Region XIII	2,000,000.00
CAR	1,000,000.00
RITM-NTRL	12,000,000.00
TOTAL	29,300,000.00

2. Funds transferred shall be used for activities to support the conduct of the 3rd Drug Resistance survey like the following:
 - i. Conduct of meetings
 - ii. Purchase of office supplies and materials, laboratory supplies and housekeeping supplies
 - iii. Support to laboratory activities
 - iv. Hiring of couriers or hiring of vans or purchase of fuel and lubricants for transport of specimens and delivery of supplies
 - v. Repair of culture centers
 - vi. Hiring of staff
 - vii. QA monitoring visits
 - viii. Training and materials
3. The sub-allotted amount is classified as MOOE.
4. Any excess funds shall be used only for activities related to the National TB Control Program.
5. The concerned DOH Offices shall ensure the submission of fund utilization report (FUR) quarterly, certified correct by the accountant and submitted to the Financial Management Service, Department of Health copy furnish the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau – National Tuberculosis Control Program.
6. All expenses are subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

IV. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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