



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT ORDER

No. 2017 - 0266

SUBJECT: Guidelines on the Sub-allotment and Utilization of Fund for the Regionalization of the Philippine Strategic TB Elimination Plan Phase 1 (PhilSTEP1) in Region II

I. BACKGROUND

Republic Act 10767 or otherwise known as the “Comprehensive TB Elimination Plan Act” signed last April 26, 2016, supports the country’s commitment to achieve health- related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3) that calls for ending the TB epidemic. The highlights of the said Law are to support and expand efforts to eliminate TB as a public health problem by increasing investments for its prevention, treatment and control and adopting a multi-sectoral approach in responding to the disease and mandatory reporting of TB cases.

As agreed during the Year Start National Consultative Workshop held last February 7-9, 2017 at Bali Village Hotel, Tagaytay City, PhilSTEP 1 is the guide to move towards TB elimination in 2035. As such, the DOH Regional Offices will adapt PhilSTEP and sub-allotment to support this has been issued per DO No. 2017-0113. However, during said consultative workshop, some Regions, including Region 2, have expressed that they still have funds to accommodate PhilSTEP implementation thus, were excluded from the Department Order.

Nonetheless, per request of DOH – Regional Office II dated June 1, 2017, the NTP is sub-allotting the said amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos only (Php500,000.00) for their regionalization of PhilSTEP1.

II. OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines in the utilization of funds to support for the regionalization of the Philippine Strategic TB Elimination Plan Phase 1.

III. GENERAL GUIDELINE

1. Funds from General Appropriations Act 2017 NTP budget line item in the amount of **Five Hundred Thousand pesos (Php500,000.00)** shall be sub-allotted to the DOH- Regional Office II.

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IV. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

1. Funds transferred shall be used for activities related to the formulation of the regional adaptation of the Philippine Strategic Elimination Plan Phase 1 (PhilSTEP1).
2. The sub-allotted amount is classified as MOOE and should be utilized by December 31, 2017.
3. Any excess funds shall be used for priority activities of the Philippine Health Agenda (PHA).


V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RECEIVING AGENCY

1. The Regional Director shall be responsible for the approval of expenditures implementation and monitoring of fund sub-allotted to the region.
2. Utilization shall follow the usual budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
3. The Regional Office II shall also ensure submission of fund utilization report (FUR) to the Financial Management Service Department of Health copy furnish the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau - National Tuberculosis Control Program.

VI. EFFECTIVITY

This order shall take effect upon approval.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


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