

## KNCV-HIVOS Project Kick-Off

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs Project entitled: “Making the Global Fund Money Work” was launched in the Philippines last January 12-13, 2017 at Pan Pacific Hotel, Malate Manila. This is a five year project synced with USAID Challenge TB (CTB) program and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The project’s goal is to come up with models that can implement integrated TB-HIV programs in the spirit of public-private partnership. It has three objectives: 1) to improve the quality of TB/HIV care services in the non-public sector; 2) to strengthen routine case finding activities and improve treatment success rates in the non-public sector; and 3) to facilitate compliance with inclusiveness requirements of the GF-NFM through engagement with non-public sector (private providers and civil society).

This uses the participatory stepwise approach which includes mapping current landscape, gaps and needs; engagement of local stakeholders and partners; design context specific strategies for scale up; build local capacity and measure progress, revise and show results.

The public-private mix DOTs (PPMD) / DOTS facilities and community based organizations (CBO) engaged for the project are: 1) Canossa Health Center, Tondo, Manila (PPMD); 2) Sto. Nino de Tondo Medical and Indigency Center, Tondo, Manila (PPMD); and 3) Love Yourself, Mandaluyong City (HIV Clinic, CBO). During the contract duration, they have a target of identifying and successfully treating new cases of Drug-susceptible TB (DSTB) patients while enhancing the triangulation of services especially for TB-HIV.

Highlights of the event are the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the planning session. The activity was participated by the National Tuberculosis Control Program, the National Capital Regional Health Office, Kingdom of The Netherlands Ambassador for the Philippines, KNCV-HIVOS project team, the Philippine Business for Social Progress, and engaged PPMDs and CBOs.



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