

## NTP Holds its 1<sup>st</sup> National Consultative Planning for 2017

The National TB Control Program conducted its first National Consultative Planning (NCP) last February 7-10, 2017 at Bali Village Hotel Resort and Kubo Spa, Tagaytay City. This has been a back-to-back activity with the National AIDS/STI Prevention and Control Program (NASCP) in the conduct of its operational planning with the regional coordinators for HIV Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

As the NTP's National Strategic Plan shifts from PhilPACT to PhilSTEP, the event targets to explain the global, regional and national status of TB control and the corresponding strategic plan, analyze the regional accomplishments on TB Control, identify priority activities for 2017 towards TB Elimination and to discuss the strategic plan for HIV.



*Dr. Mary Rosary Santiago (PMDT Specialist - DPCB GF) presenting the PMDT updates during the 2nd day of the NCP*

The NCP schedule has been divided into two major parts. The first delved mostly with the presentation of program updates which was grounded with the discussion of the Philippine Strategic TB Elimination Plan 1 (PhilSTEP 1) for 2017-2022 by Dr. Mariquita Mantala (TASC). Several key resource speakers also provided the current status and the 2017 activities per reform area namely health promotion, financing, human resources, information, regulation, service delivery and governance.

The second leg of the activity was the per region planning and small group discussion. In here, the key players in program implementation were guided in the identification of the priority activities for 2017 that will address areas for improvement in implementation as well as having high impact towards TB elimination. The process is based on the analysis of regional performance from key indicators.

Major outputs of this input-intensive and action-planning oriented activity involves report on the status of 2016 PhilPACT regional implementation and revised regional work and financial plan for 2017.