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NDRRMC UPDATE

SitRep No. **04** re Measles Outbreak

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Sources: OCDROs II, VI, VII, VIII, and DOH-HEMB

A. Situation Overview:

- Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It is transferred from person-to-person by sneezing, coughing, and close personal contact. Its signs and symptoms include cough, runny nose, red eyes/conjunctivitis, fever, skin rashes lasting for more than three (3) days.
- The Department of Health (DOH) raised the red flag for measles in other regions of Luzon, Central and Eastern Visayas on 07 February 2019 aside from the declaration of National Capital Region (NCR) on 06 January 2019.

B. Effects:

- A total of **146 dead were reported** in Regions I, III, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XI, ARMM, and NCR.
- A total of **9,267 cases of measles were reported** in Regions I, II, III, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, ARMM, CAR, and NCR from 01 January 2019 to 18 February 2019.
- Ages of cases ranged from <1month to 76 years old (median: 2 years), most affected age group: 1-4 years (**2,924 or 32%**) and <9 months (**2,394 or 26%**); Majority (**4,933 or 53%**) were males.
- Most of the cases were from IV-A (**2,310 or 25%**), NCR (**1,937 or 21%**), Region III (**1,387 or 15%**), Region X (**534 or 6%**) and Region VI (**516 or 6%**).
- Majority (**5,890 or 64%**) of the cases were not vaccinated.

REGION	No. of Measles Cases	No. of Dead
I	274	8
II	64	0
III	1,387	24
CALABARZON	2310	48

REGION	No. of Measles Cases	No. of Dead
MIMAROPA	335	4
V	190	4
VI	516	3
VII	304	2
VIII	383	12
IX	82	0
X	534	4
XI	144	1
XII	236	1
CARAGA	176	0
ARMM	257	3
CAR	138	0
NCR	1,937	32
TOTAL	9,267	146

Source: DOH-HEMB

C. Actions Taken:

Department of Health (DOH)

- Declared Measles Outbreak in Regions III, CALABARZON, VI, VII, X, and NCR.
- Continuous monitoring of the event.
- Conducted Emergency Inter-Agency Meeting on Measles Outbreak Declaration participated by DOH Offices on 08 February 2019.
- Conducted Orientation Meeting on Communication to all duty personnel in the Operations Center on 08 February 2019.
- Facilitated the augmentation of cot beds from the National Kidney and Transplant Institute to San Lazaro Hospital.
- Continuous dissemination of health advisories regarding prevention and management of measles to affected regions.

DOH VI

- Continuous monitoring of the cases reported.

DOH VII

- Coordinated with concerned LGUs for contact tracing and monitoring of possible additional cases.
- Coordinated with all disease reporting units.
- Facilitated the shipment of specimens to Regional Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) for laboratory confirmation.
- Updated stakeholders on the current situation in the Region re measles outbreak.
- Conducted outbreak response immunization activities with the National Immunization Program.
- DOH has declared "Code White" status on 11 February 2019 (when 96 cases and 1 death on February 2 rose to 145 cases and 2 deaths in just 1 week)- all hospitals in Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental and Siquijor would be required to set up emergency response team, "quick or priority lanes" and isolation rooms for

patients suspected to be afflicted with measles, including the rural health and municipal health units.

- Set up "vaccination stations" in various areas in Central Visayas to curb the rising cases of measles.
- A tent was also put up on the ground of the DOH-7 office for children and adults qualified for vaccination.
- Activated DOH Central Visayas Centers for Health Development (CV CHD) Operation Center.
- Organized Incident Command System structure.
- Crafted and disseminated regional guidelines for Measles Outbreak Response Immunization.
- Conducted coordinative meeting of all concerned program coordinators and DMOs.
- Established Operation Center in each province headed by the (Development Management Officer (DMO) V.
- Established Vaccination Posts in DOH CV CHD grounds.
- Established Vaccination Posts and Fast Lanes in all DOH Hospitals.
- Coordinated with DepEd, Office of the Presidential Assistant to the Visayas and Cebu Province Governor's Office.
- Reproduced IEC Materials (prints, broadcasts, social media)
- Held Press Conference attended by the different broadcast networks.
- Visited Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) for establishment of fast lanes and isolation rooms with media.
- Intensified disease surveillance.
- Coordinated with PNP, AFP Medical Services and BOQ.
- Conducted Ceremonial Vaccination at the DOH CV CHD Vaccination Post with media coverage.
- DOH hospitals intensified information dissemination through quad-media campaigns.
- Mobilization and Demobilization Unit
- Prepared teams for mobilization of DOH CV CHD personnel as augmentation to LGUs.
- Conducted OPCEN meeting for the preparation of mobilization.
- Pre-deployment orientation is scheduled on 14 and 18 February 2019.
- RESU 7 conducted disease surveillance in each of the DOH Hospitals

DOH VIII

- Intensify surveillance activities to identify and report all possible measles-rubella cases/suspects.
- Facilitated the collection of blood specimen.
- Review the measles immunization coverage in the community.
- Reinforce IEC campaign on the importance of immunization.

OCD II

- Coordinated with DOH II.
- Continuous monitoring of the incident.

OCD VI

- Coordinated with DOH VI and PDRRMCs regarding the incident.
- Continuous monitoring of the incident.

OCD VII

- Coordinated with the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU VII) and DOH VII.

OCD VIII

- Coordinated with the DOH-HEMS Operation Center and continuously monitoring of related incident.
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