



PRIORITIZING HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) and the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension joined hands in prioritizing the medical and dental health needs of the elders on August 28, 2019 at the SM Center for Elderly in Trece Martires City. Fifty-four seniors were able to receive free consultations, tooth extraction and denture screening rendered by volunteer doctors and dentists from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital composed of Dr. Charito Gozo, Dr. Eliza Nocon, Dr. Ma. Fe Adove, Dr. Cristina Lim and Dr. Raymond Mendoza , together with Dr. Catherine Lubigan of Trece Martires City Health Office. Provincial Federation of Senior Citizens Association of Cavite Inc. (PFSCACI) President Ciriaco Angeles was also present during the event along with other officers to ensure the smooth flow of the medical mission. Free medicines and eye glasses were also given to them. Senior citizens thanked the provincial government for ensuring their wellness and providing health services to those who cannot afford the expensive medical consultation with private health professionals.



DENTAL CARE FOR GENTRISEÑOS: Ensuring the wellness of Caviteños, the provincial government of Cavite continues to visit barangays to check the health conditions of the locals. On August 23, 2019, the dental team of the Provincial Health Office composed of Dr. Maria Gem Lynn Sarmiento and Dr. Suzette Pulido joined by the dentists from the City Health Office including Dr. Christopher Juan Nicodemus and Dr. Winston Reyes Closas rendered free tooth extraction to a total of 46 patients. Barangay Chairman Rodolfo "Jon Jon" Cruz, Jr. together with the members of the barangay council, warmly welcomed the dental mission team and extended his appreciation to Governor Jonvic Remulla for providing quality health services to his constituents. Brgy. Chairman Cruz said that sharing the blessings on his birthday thru the outreach program has been a great fulfillment on his part. The event was made possible thru the support of Congressman Jonjon Ferrer, Mayor Ony Ferrer, Vice Mayor Morit Sison, Sangguniang Panlungsod of Gen.Trias, Board Member Kerby Salazar and IPP Kyle Jassel Salazar. Barangay health workers were also present who gave valuable assistance to the mission team. --(PICAD)

PGC REINFORCES ITS ADVOCACY ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THRU THE CAVITE GREENING PROGRAM: True to its commitment to safeguard the environment, the Provincial Government -Environment and Natural Resources Office (PGENRO) led by Ms. Annabelle Cayabab stands form with their advocacy on environmental protection, conservation and rehabilitation of streambanks within the province of Cavite during the 4th Arbor Day celebration in Barangay Alapan II-B in the City of Imus on August 22, 2019. Hundreds of volunteers planted 1,050 trees along Imus Ylang-Ylang watershed in line with the National Greening Program and in support to the environmental program for Disaster Risk Management. The project started on 2016, when PGC signed a memorandum of agreement together with Cavite State University and DENR-PENRO for the project which covers the six major rivers of the province including Labac-Alemang River in 2016, Maragondon River in 2017, Cañas River in 2018, San Juan River in 2019, Imus Ylang Ylang River in 2020 and Bacoor River in 2021. In attendance were City of Imus OIC-CENRO Dorotea Sagenes, Cavite State University (Trece Martires City, City of General Trias and Tanza Campus) Dean Professor Noel Sedigo, Alapan II-B Punong Barangay Josielyn Camia, Engr. Ernesto C. Cenizal of PG-ENRO, volunteers from the Bureau of Fire Protection, Cavite Provincial Police Office, members of the academe, students from other schools and universities, and employees from the provincial and local government.

CAVITE MULTI-SECTORAL HIV COUNCIL AND COORDINATORS MEETING



The Provincial Health Office thru its Provincial HIV Program Coordinator, Haydelisa Maderazo, facilitated the two-day Cavite Multi-sectoral HIV Council and Coordinators Meeting held at The Bayleaf Hotel, City of Gen. Trias on August 22-23, 2019. The meeting with the tagline "Act Against AIDS, End It" sought to build a more cohesive network of offices to work on the probable recommendations, programs and policies towards handling the HIV epidemic.

Issues and challenges encountered in the implementation of HIV programs and policies in cities and municipalities were tackled during the first day of the meeting. Two of the major problems cited were the conflict during the testing and screening and the referral system after the patient was diagnosed reactive. It was attended by the municipal and city health officers, HIV program coordinator and nurses, members of POZ Cavite Support Group Incorporated (PCSGI) and members of the Provincial HIV Council.

Dr. Michael Angelo Marquez, Bacoor City HIV Medical Coordinator suggested to formulate IEC materials on HIV-AIDS programs and policies with complete directories of the treatment hubs in the province. Likewise, Dr. Ferdinand Mina of Imus City Health Office recommended to have a massive HIV awareness campaign tapping the LGBT community through creation of an LGBT organization in Cavite.

On the second day, Dr. Nelson Soriano, OIC-Public Health and Technical Services and Head of Provincial Epidemiology Service Unit of the PHO welcomed all the participants and challenged them to improve the HIV prevention and control programs in the province since HIV is a big health issue. According to him, open networking like social media is big help in solving the challenges encountered.

The event was also graced by Sixth District Board Member Kerby Salazar, Chairperson-Committee on Health, Nutrition and Population and expressed his observation that majority of the HIV awareness programs focused on the LGBT community. He suggested that it's time to design a program for everyone. He also stressed that more than increasing awareness, activities and programs that can help end the stigma should be formulated. BM Salazar promised that as chairperson of the committee on health, he will utilize his term to improve the health-care and nutrition program in the province to achieve a healthy and livable Cavite. Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the accomplishments of the Provincial HIV Program where Ms. Haydelisa Maderazo reported that they have conducted HIV awareness campaign to senior high school students from different schools in the province, out of school youths and employees of private companies from September 2018 – August 2019. Simultaneous mobile HIV counselling and testing were also done in the entire province. She also cited other HIV programs like candle lighting ceremony, Buntis Congress for both adult and teenage pregnant women and orientation in different private companies. Likewise, status and accomplishments of four treatment hubs namely, Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic, Imus Reproductive and Wellness Center, Das-mariñas Social Hygiene Clinic and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital Treatment Hub were discussed by their respective city HIV program coordinator.

Before the meeting ended, in an open forum, Ms. Julliene Christine Aurellado, Regional HIV Program Coordinator, addressed the questions and queries raised on the first day of the meeting. The issues and challenges tackled were answered and given plausible recommendations.--PICAD

