



# 2ND PROVINCIAL RABIES SUMMIT

**ILAGAN CITY, Isabela** - To avert the increasing incidence of dog bite cases in the province of Isabela, the Provincial Government in coordination with the Provincial Veterinary Office and Provincial Health Office conducted the **Second Provincial Rabies Summit last October 09, 2014** at FN Dy Hall, Provincial Capitol.

With the theme **"TOGETHER AGAINST RABIES"** the event aims to raise awareness about rabies and engage various stakeholders to achieve a rabies free-Isabela. It seeks to reach out to others and form partnerships that will help make elimination of rabies a reality.



Dismayed by the increasing cases of rabies dog bites and deaths, **Governor Faustino G. Dy III** called on all local chief executives, barangay officials and other sectors in the province to help in the

control and prevention of the spread of human and animal rabies in their places.

In his message, the governor expressed his ardent desire for the establishment in every barangay a "Dog Pound" wherein stray dogs are treated and taken care of before they are release to interested and responsible individuals for adoption.



*Gov. Faustino "Bojie" G. Dy III while giving his message, stresses the provisions of Rabies Management under RA No. 9482, otherwise known as the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007.*



**Dr. Edgar G. Peleo, Medical Specialist III Regional Rabies Coordinator, reveals the present Rabies situation of Region 02 to the participants.**

Governor Dy further requested the city and municipal mayors in the province to seriously consider hiring or designating city and municipal veterinarians whose primary responsibilities will be to immunize dogs and ensure the proper implementation of Anti-Rabies and Stray Dog Control ordinance.

He compared the present rabies situation of the province to a calamity that threaten people's lives 24/7 and 365 days. Hence, he asked the local chief executives to include in their local development agenda and prioritize for funding the implementation of Anti-Rabies program in compliance with Republic Act No. 9482, otherwise known as the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007.

**Dr. Edgar G. Peleo**, Medical Specialist III of the Department of Health Region 02, informed that the Philippines ranks sixth among Asian with the most number of cases of rabies infection next to India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and China.

In Region 02, he said the province of Isabela has been the consistent

topnotcher for the past several years in terms of casualties of rabid dog bites with an average of 10 deaths per year.

**Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano**, Provincial Health Officer II of the Isabela Provincial Health Office, stood as one of the speakers in the said event. In her lecture, she discussed the Rabies infection in human. How rabies virus from animals are transmitted to human, its clinical sign and symptoms and its treatment. She gave emphasis on proper wound care in treating animal bites. She also encouraged everyone to always consult a health officer or go directly to the Animal Bite treatment Center for appropriate treatment.



**Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano** lively discusses the impact of rabies to humans.

She revealed that Rabies is a neglected and highly fatal disease killing 10 – 12 Isabeleños every year. Children and 15 years old above are the most vulnerable to dog bites and rabies infection if not properly treated.

Joining the summit, **Dr. Angelo C. Naui**, Provincial Veterinarian, discussed to the delegates the Rabies Control Program of the Provincial Veterinary Office. He stressed out the importance of Responsible Pet Ownership-that all pet owners are required to have their dog vaccinated annually against rabies with a registration card which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their dog as mandated by the law.

Meanwhile, **Director Elpidio A. Durwin**, DILG Provincial Director reminded the



*Dr. Angelo C. Naui, Provincial Veterinarian, emphasizes the importance of the Rabies Control Program and relaying the need to practice responsible pet ownership.*



*Dir. Elpidio A. Durwin, PD-DILG, states the digest of the DILG Memo Circular No. 2014-56, otherwise known as the Strict Implementation of the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007.*

summit attendees during his talk to adopt and implement Republic Act 9482 or the Rabies Act of 2007 in their own localities.

He also informed the delegates about the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program Manual of Operations which enumerates the responsibilities of all concerned individuals regarding the control and prevention of human and animal rabies in the countryside.

Municipal Mayors, Sangguniang Bayan (SB) members chairing Municipal Committee on Health, Municipal Health Officers (MHO), Municipal Agriculturists, LNB Presidents, Barangay Captains, Livestock Coordinators, Associations of Barangay Council (ABC), PNP and Department of Education heads and other invited guests attended the said summit.

The summit concluded with each delegate given a Certificate of Appreciation for their diligence and commitment to curb down dog bite incidence solidifying concerted efforts towards the common goal of preventing human rabies in the province of Isabela.



# “Handog Pagmamahal para sa mga Isabeleños”



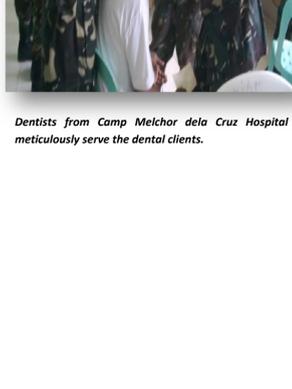
The undying effort and dedication of Governor Faustino “Bojie” Dy. III and Vice-Governor Antonio “Tonypet” Albano is demonstrated through their unyielding drive of giving free Medical Mission such as “FARMERS CONGRESS” intended for all Isabeleños. In collaboration with the Provincial Health Office both public health and clinical divisions under the excellent leadership of Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano PHO II and Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro PHO I, the activity’s main purpose is to heighten wellness and disease prevention through provision of varied health services complemented by other services from different offices.

## CABAGAN FARMER'S CONGRESS

Medical patients served = 728  
Dental patients served = 52



The ever steadfast doctors of the Provincial Health Office and GFNDYSMH dutifully attend to the clients.



Dentists from Camp Melchor dela Cruz Hospital meticulously serve the dental clients.

**SAN PABLO FARMER'S CONGRESS**

Medical patients served = 907  
Dental patients served = 117



*The Doctors from Provincial Health Office and Milagros Albano district Hospital examine the local residents which includes the tribe of " dumagats"*

**SAN MARIANO FARMER'S CONGRESS**

Medical patients served = 1035      Units of Blood Collected = 65  
Dental patients served = 119



*San Mariano Farmer's Congress- The workforce of Camp Melchor dela Cruz Hospital courteously attends to the local residents.*



*Dr. Fileman Donato, from GFNDYSMH, Dr. Almira Reyes MHO of San Mariano and doctors from MARDH carefully assess their clients.*

*Blood Bank staff from GFNDYSMH extracts blood from them which they are able to gather 65 units of blood.*



*The dentists from IPHO, Dr. Arsen Benozza and GFNDYSMH, Dr. Charissa Berin perform free tooth extraction service.*

**REINA MERCEDES FARMER'S CONGRESS**

*Medical patients served = 839  
Dental patients served = 70  
Units of Blood Collected = 3*



*The alert and active nurses of the Provincial Health Office together with the staff of Reina Mercedes Rural Health Unit considerably attend on the Admission Post to take the vital signs of the patients.*



*The medical team led by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano PHO II, and Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro PHO I, together with Dr. Oscar Caballero Chief of Hospital of Cauayan District Hospital attentively attend to their patients.*



*Dr. Arsen Benzo from IPHO provides free dental services while Jemaica Miranda, a Blood Bank staff from GFNDYSMH extracts blood from a client.*

**AURORA FARMER'S CONGRESS**

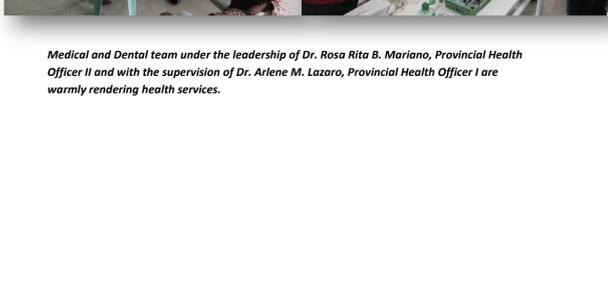
Medical patients served = 372

Dental patients served = 121

Surgical procedure done = 77



**Gov. Faustino G. Dy III visits the people of Aurora headed by Mayor William T. Uy through the provincial program, the Farmer's Congress.**



**Medical and Dental team under the leadership of Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, Provincial Health Officer II and with the supervision of Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro, Provincial Health Officer I are warmly rendering health services.**

**QUIRINO FARMER'S CONGRESS**

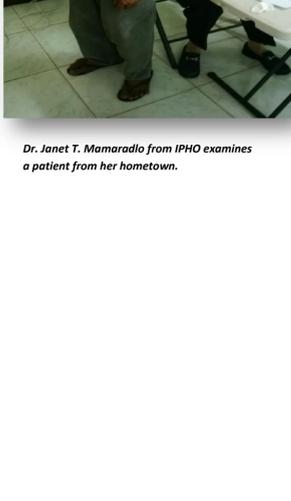
Medical patients served = 959  
Dental patients served = 105



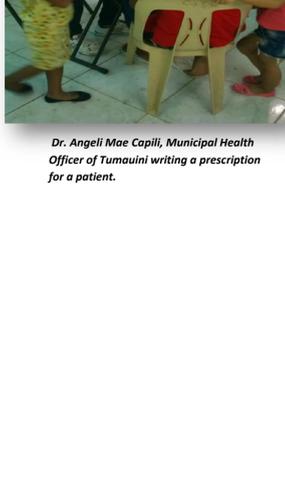
The Medical team headed by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, Provincial Health Officer II and Dr. Nelson Paguirigan, Chief of Hospital of Manuel A. Roxas District Hospital (MARDH).

**TUMAINI FARMER'S CONGRESS**

Medical patients served = 791  
Dental patients served = 117



Dr. Janet T. Mamaradlo from IPHO examines a patient from her hometown.



Dr. Angeli Mae Capili, Municipal Health Officer of Tumaini writing a prescription for a patient.



*The Medical-Dental team headed by Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, Provincial Health Officer II and Dr. Edencita Paquirigan, Chief of hospital of Milagros Albano District Hospital.*

**CORDON FARMER'S CONGRESS**

*Medical patients served = 884*

*Dental patients served = 67*



*The Medical and Dental team under the leadership of Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, Provincial Health Officer II together with doctors from Echaque District Hospital in cooperation with Cordon Municipal Health Office headed by Dr. Geriely Olay.*



*IPHO dentists headed by Dr. Elena Buduan together with the dentists from Cardon RHU and Echague District Hospital give free dental services. The 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of The Philippine Army in Upi, Gamu also offers their "Libreng Gugit sa Barangay".*

#### **SAN ISIDRO FARMER'S CONGRESS**

*Medical patients served = 868*

*Dental patients served = 100*

*Gov. Faustino G. Dy III gives his much awaited message at the San Isidro Farmer's Congress program.*





*Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, Provincial Health Officer II, headed the Medical and Dental Team with the assistance from San Isidro Municipal Health Office under Dr. Maureen Ng.*

**RAMON FARMER'S CONGRESS**

*Medical patients served = 638  
Dental patients served = 59*



*The Medical team under the supervision of Dr. Arlene M. Lazaro, Provincial Health Officer I, examines a patient from Ramon, Isabela.*



*IPHO staff headed by Dr. Elena Buduan render free dental services.*

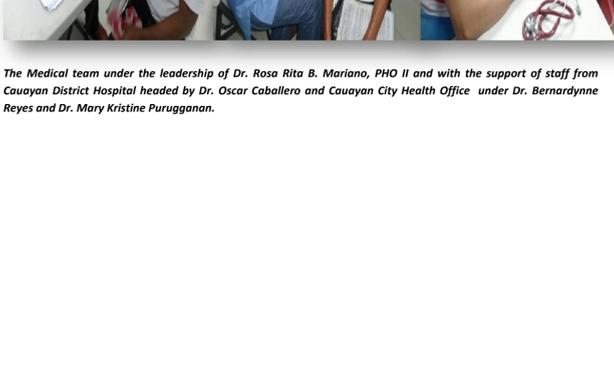
**CAUAYAN FARMER'S CONGRESS**

*Medical patients served = 1,054*

*Dental patients served = 74*

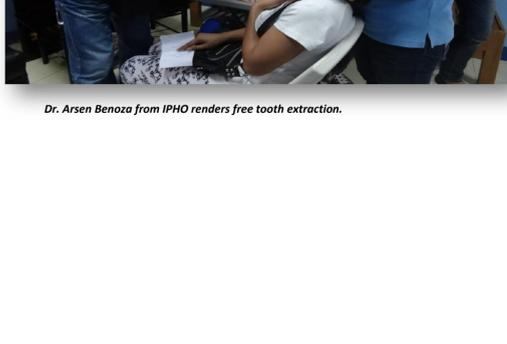


*Gov. Faustino G. Dy III and Mayor Bernard Faustino M. Dy deliver their messages at the Farmer's Congress program.*



*The Medical team under the leadership of Dr. Rosa Rita B. Mariano, PHO II and with the support of staff from Cauayan District Hospital headed by Dr. Oscar Caballero and Cauayan City Health Office under Dr. Bernardynne Reyes and Dr. Mary Kristine Purugganan.*

*Dr. Kristine A. Purugganan, City Health Officer of Cauayan CHO II, together with her staff supports the activity. Doctors from IPHO and Cauayan District Hospital join the medical team.*



*Dr. Arsen Benzo from IPHO renders free tooth extraction.*