

# ORIENTAL MINDORO NANANATILING MALARIA-FREE PROVINCE



DEKLARADONG MALARIA-FREE PROVINCE ANG ORIENTAL MINDORO ng Malaria National Technical Working Group (MNTWG) base sa ginanap na assessment and evaluation ng naturang grupo na ginanap sa Novatel, Quezon City kamakailan.

Pinangunahan ni Provincial Health Office (PHO)-OIC Dr. Cielo Angela Ante ang naging presentasyon ng estado ng lalawigan hinggil dito kung saan tinalakay ang history, cases at status ng malaria sa probinsya na nagresulta nga ng pagkakadeklara ng lalawigan bilang Malaria-free Province.

Malaking bahagi naman ng tagumpay nito ang pakikipagtuwang ng PHO-Malaria Core Team sa Department of Health (DOH)-Center for Health and Development (CHD)-MIMAROPA, Municipal Health Office ng bawat bayan sa lalawigan at ang aktibong partisipasyon at pag-alalay ng The Global Fund sa pamamagitan ng Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. at ACT-Malaria na pawang non-government Organizations (NGOs).

Kaugnay nito, isa lamang sa mga naging matibay na naging basehan ng isinagawang ebalwasyon ang pagiging zero case o "No Indigenous case for five consecutive years" ng lalawigan simula 2011 hanggang 2021.

Ayon sa PHO, bagaman may naitalang 15 kaso ng malaria sa loob ng mga naturang taong nabanggit, ito ay napatunayan namang imported cases lamang na nanggaling sa endemic na lugar na may malaria case at hindi galing mismo sa Oriental Mindoro.

Matatandaan namang ang PHO ay may regular indoor residual spraying kontra malaria sa Malaria Boarder Municipalities (MBM) ng lalawigan partikular sa mga bayan ng Bulalacao, Victoria at Puerto Galera kung saan isinasagawa ito sa buwan ng Abril at Mayo para sa unang cycle at buwan ng Oktubre at Nobyembre naman sa ikalawang cycle nito upang mapanatiling ligtas ang mga mamamayang Mindoreño kontra malaria.

Tinitiyak naman ng PHO na naiisagawa ang sustainability plan ukol rito.

Kabilang din sa mga nag-assess sa lalawigan na myembro ng panel of experts ng MNTWG ang mga kinatawan mula sa World Health Organization (WHO), at DOH.

Samantala, maliban sa pagkakadeklarang ito na malaria-free ang Oriental Mindoro, ginawaran din ng DOH ng Outstanding Performance Award ang lalawigan (For their tireless effort in integrating Local Health Systems and their commitment to deliver the promise of Universal Health Care for all) (PIO Oriental Mindoro).

## Mindoro: No S-PaSS required

By Ire Joe Laurente

CALAPAN CITY, Oriental Mindoro: The provincial government of Oriental Mindoro no longer require travelers to present Safe, Swift and Smart Passage (S-PaSS). Travelers only need to get an approved Travel Coordination Permit that is processed in real-time and their vaccination card, the Provincial Information Office posted on its social media page.

This developed as the province was placed under Alert Level 1 by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) starting April 1 to April 15. The province saw a decline in the number of active cases of Covid-19 in recent days. As per data from the Provincial Health Office (PHO), as of March 31, the province only had 25 active cases in the towns of Victoria, Bansud, Pinamalayan and Mansalay, with no new active cases.

The PHO also announced that Calapan City and seven towns have met the standard set by the Department of Health (DoH) and the IATF-EID to reach herd immunity or 70 percent of the target population to be inoculated.

Mayor Arnan Panaligan said the Calapan City Health Task Force as of April 1 reported that the total number of individuals vaccinated is 102,292, or 100.24 percent of the targeted population. Acting PHO chief Dr. Cielo Ante however clarified that the DoH had adjusted the standard for herd immunity to 80.67 of the total population as per the 2022 census of the Philippines Statistics Authority, and that they were reconciling the data of the PHO with the Community Health Development Regional Office.

Puerto Galera Municipal Administrator Carmela Datinguinoo welcomed the removal of the S-PaSS requirement for travelers as this would make travel processing easier. She, however, said that even before the S-PaSS and other travel requirements were asked from tourists, the municipal government of Puerto Galera already developed an application linked with the Department of Tourism that monitors the entry and exit of tourists.



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*City Project - Blessing of Barangay Multi-Purpose Building in Bgy. Canubing 2; election campaign kick off in Bgy. Canubing 2*



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# Business owners from Socorro, Oriental Mindoro learn online weather data monitoring using DOST-ASTI's Philsensors



*Engr. Zaldie C. Gawad from DOST-Oriental Mindoro teaches business owners on how to access weather data from the Philsensors website*

VARIOUS LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS FROM SOCORRO, ORIENTAL MINDORO took part in the training on online weather data monitoring using the DOST-ASTI's Philsensors website held last March 11, 2022, at the Socorro Municipal Hall. The training was conducted to help them prepare and respond to extreme weather events that may affect their businesses.

Basic disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) knowledge, use of DOST-PHIVOLCS' and the use of the DOST-ASTI developed website Philsensors to obtain and monitor data from different DOST developed hydromet devices installed in the province including – Automated Rain Gauge (ARG), Water Level Monitoring Stations (WLMS), and Automated Weather Station (AWS) were taught to a total of 20 business owners from the municipality. Philsensors is a website that provides access to both historical and near real time raw data such as elevation, coordinates and status gathered from the various weather stations in the Philippines. The Philsensor website presents visualized data for efficient analysis to guide business owners make better and more informed decisions.

In addition, the use of DOST-PHIVOLCS' HazardHunterPH was also introduced to the group. This training intends to capacitate the industry to ensure the protection of their properties, assets, and people during a disaster and maintain



*Philsensors Website Interface (Source: DOST-ASTI)*

the continuity of business operations in the face of calamities.

The Socorro Tourism Office, headed by the LGU's Municipal S&T Coordinator initiated this training as part of its two-day activity on Standard First Aid Technique and Basic Life Support Training, with the theme: "Iba ang handa, ligtas ang may alam!". The training was facilitated by DOST-Oriental Mindoro.



*Mary Frances Rae Ramiento, a geologist and project assistant from DOST-Oriental Mindoro discusses basic DRRM knowledge and introduces HazardHunterPH to the group.*





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## Mahigit P5M proyekto, kaloob ng Pamaha-laang Panlalawigan sa Panikian, Naujan

UMABOT SA P5,530,000 milyon ang kabuuang halaga ng mga proyektong pang-imprastruktura ang naipatapos ng administrasyon ni Governor Humerlito “Bonz” Dolor sa Brgy. Panikian sa bayan ng Naujan.

Pinangunahan ng Gobernador ang pagpapasin-aya sa mga nabanggit na proyekto noong Abril 11 na kinabilangan ng mga sumusunod:

- construction of multi-purpose building - P3.5M
- construction of water system - P1.5 M (95 pamilya ang benepisyaryo)
- installation of brgy. free flow - P230,000
- completion of daycare center - P300,000.

Nauna na rito ay napagkalooban ang barangay ng bagong service vehicle.

Ayon pa sa Gobernador, kasama na rin sa 2022 budget ng lalawigan ang pagpapatayo ng Senior Citizens Building at P1 M pondo para naman sa pagpapagawa ng bleachers sa covered court ng barangay.

“Mahal ko ang barangay na ito dahil simula nang ako ay maging lingkod bayan ay ipinadama ninyo sa akin ang inyong pagsuporta at pagmamahal. Hindi iyon nabawasan hanggang sa ngayon. Kaya naman, makakaasa kayo na susuklian ko ito ng mga biyayang siksik, liglig at nag-uumapaw”, banggit ng Gobernador.

Sa ngalan ng kanyang Sangguniang Barangay at mga kabarangay, buong suporta ang ipinaabot sa Gobernador ni Brgy. Capt. Milagros Avila sa mga adhikain na higit pang paunlarin ang kanilang barangay (PIO Oriental Mindoro).

