



Philippines Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan Updates

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Accomplishments...

- Capability building of key people from the central and regional offices of DOH, provincial, municipal and city health offices
- Orientation of local chief executives on pandemic influenza
- Training of DOH-retained and selected local hospitals
- Development and dissemination of information on avian influenza
- Training of Barangay Health Emergency Response and Rapid Action Teams

Accomplishments...

- Establishment of unified private sector network, primarily the civil society organization and the business sector
- Assist Local Government Units (LGUs) in drafting their Preparedness and Response Plans
- Conduct AIPP lectures and AI updates to requesting parties & concerned groups
- Assessment of prior surveillance work and institutionalization of surveillance activities

Accomplishments...

- Approved proposal on risk communication strategy assessment of ASEAN member countries
- Approved proposal on the conduct of simulation exercise at the regional level (the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei)
- Distribution of PPE's to the CHDs & referral hospitals

In Process...

- Conduct of simulation exercises as teaching, planning and assessment tools
- Expansion of the information campaign to the local communities through a collaborative effort of the public and the private sector
- Capacity building of DOH-retained and local hospitals for response to serious infectious disease disasters
- Strengthened participation of other government agencies and the private sector for avian and pandemic influenza preparedness

In Process...

- Continuing efforts to prepare the public health and hospital systems for avian and pandemic influenza that could further lay the foundation to strengthen preparedness to any severe emerging infectious disease
- Expanding areas for disease surveillance

In Process..

- Procurement of ventilators
- Review of the AIPP for further improvement of disease control and eradication protocols
- Printing of Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan manual



Thank you very much
for your attention!