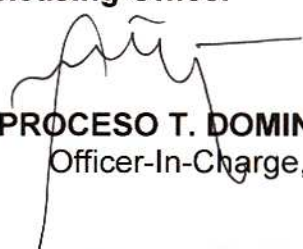




## **NDRRMC UPDATE**

### **Alleged Typhoid Fever Outbreak in Tuburan, Cebu**

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Source: OCDRC VII & DOH-HEMS

#### **1. Situation Overview**

- A diarrhea outbreak was reported in the Municipality of Tuburan, Cebu last March 2, 2012, about 97 kilometers southwest of Cebu City
- Residents of the eight (8) of its 54 barangays were reported to be suffering from symptoms like high fever, diarrhea, headache, weakness and loss of appetite
- About 356 cases were reported (247 outpatients and 109 confirmed admitted patients) while 10 of whom were referred to Vicente Sotto Memorial Hospital Center in Cebu City for further medical treatment. **Number of cases are still projected to rise within the next few days** and there are only 4 Doctors going on duty at the Tuburan District Hospital attending to more than 100 patients
- Four (4) persons were reported dead due to the outbreak (for confirmation from DOH):
  - Jessa Aquilla, 2 y/o from Brgy. Cogon, Tuburan
  - Kevin Hernane, 19 y/o from Brgy. Carmelo, Tuburan
  - Marites Arita, 21 y/o from Brgy. Maghan-ay, Tuburan
  - Angelica Rico, 36 y/o from Brgy. Kagba-o, Tuburan

#### **2. Actions Taken:**

- **DOH Central Office mobilized an 8-man medical team from Metro Manila Hospitals (San Lazaro Hospital and East Avenue Medical Center) and National Epidemiology Center (NEC) on 6 March 2012 to Tuburan, Cebu to conduct disease surveillance, provide medical and technical assistance, drugs, medicines and other needed supplies to Tuburan District Hospital. HEMS Office has done pre-deployment orientation to the DOH Medical team**
- **DOH HEMS Central Office coordinated with the Regional WASH Coordinator of Cebu regarding WASH concerns in the affected areas**
- **CHD VII conducted rectal swab, blood examinations care of RITM, water testing, residual chlorine testing and community assembly; collected water and blood samples for analysis; provided medical assistance; distributed hyposol, and coordinated with local health Unit in the conduct of investigation**

- **PHO Cebu and RESU VII conducted water testing, survey and assessment on March 6, 2012**
  - MDRRMC Tuburan headed by Mayor Aljun Diamante fetched the affected residents and brought them to the nearest hospital
  - **Governor Gwendolyn Garcia and District Representative Pablo John Garcia provided medical assistance to the affected residents and financial assistance to the four (4) dead victims**
  - DPWH 7 and DOH 7 send medical teams to check on the water pipelines in Tuburan
  - **Vicente Sotto Medical Center which serves as receiving hospital for typhoid victims, provided logistical support in terms of drugs, medicines and IV fluids; sent medical response team to provide technical assistance and manpower to Tuburan District Hospital and is constantly coordinating with CHD Regional Director and PHO**
  - MDRRMC Asturias sent ambulance and medical staffs together with boxes of medicines and medical beds to Tuburan
  - OPSED-Cebu sent boxes of medicines, bottled water and intravenous fluids to the affected area
  - **PRC sent a rapid response and assessment team to assess the needs of the affected community in Tuburan, Cebu and will be sending the following items upon availability of C-130 PAF Plane: 1 unit Rub hall, 50 units Cot beds, 1 unit tower light and 5 KVA generator with a total gross weight of 2,660 kgs.**
  - Progress report to follow
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