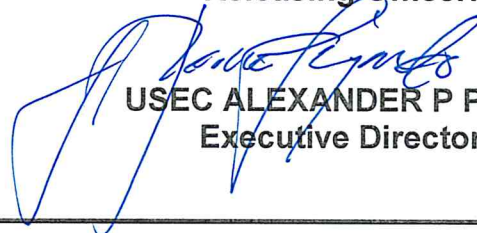




NDRRMC UPDATE

**Incident Monitored Covering the Period
130800H - 131700H July 2015**

Releasing Officer:


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Executive Director

DATE : 13 July 2015

Source/s: DOH-FHEMB and OCDRC Caraga

I. Progress Report re Food Poisoning in Caraga Region

A. Situation Overview:

1. On or about 5:00 PM, 11 July 2015, cases of food poisoning were reported in the Provinces of Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur.
2. **As of 10:30 PM, 12 July 2015, a total of 1,925 cases were reported in Caraga Region, of which, 66 are still admitted in different hospitals and clinics in the region.**
3. **No deaths are reported in the incident.**

B. Actions Taken:

DOH Caraga

1. Ongoing investigation is being conducted on the incident. Dispatched the Regional Rapid Damage Assessment Team and the DOH Provincial Team to assist and provide intravenous fluids, medicines and other logistics to affected LGUs. Likewise, the Provincial Health Offices in the region have been alerted to closely monitor the incident and immediately report cases.
2. **DOH Caraga assisted the Epidemiology Bureau Team in the conduct of epidemiology investigation and sent IV fluids, assorted medicines, and vacutainers.**
3. **DOH Caraga conducted meeting with Field Epidemiology Training Program and Health Promotion Bureau regarding the conduct of field investigation and risk communication management.**
4. **DOH Epidemiology Bureau deployed an Outbreak Investigation Team composed of Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) Training Officer and two (2) fellows on 12 July 2015.**

RDRRMC Caraga

1. Conducted contact tracing of the sources/distributors of the candies.
2. Referred the said incident to police authorities to conduct investigation regarding the incident.
3. M/BDRRM Operations Center on the affected areas was activated.
4. Advised all residents via "Barangay BANDILYO" not to eat the alleged contaminated "Durian candy and bubble gum". Residents who have already eaten the said candy/gum were advised to immediately report/present themselves to their respective BDRRMCs to assist them in the conduct of check-up in the nearest hospital.
5. Conducted Emergency meeting on 11 July 2015 at OCD Caraga Regional Office presided by OCD Caraga Regional Director/RDRRMC Chairperson and attended by the RDRRMC member agencies. Discussed therein were the situational updates on the incident and actions to be undertaken. The meeting was succeeded by a press conference.
6. **LGU of Surigao del Sur augmented health personnel from different Rural Health Units (RHUs) to assist hospitals admitting poisoning cases.**
7. RDRRMC Caraga Operations Center continues to monitor and coordinate with the local DRRMCs for updates.