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NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

NDRRMC UPDATE

Incident Monitored Covering the Period 241700H–250800HJuly 2015

Releasing Officer:

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DATE

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Source: OCD IV-A, IX, and NCR

Progress Report re Food Poisoning Incident in Calamba City, Laguna (Region IV-A

A. Situation Overview

- On or about 2:00 PM, 24 July 2015, a food poisoning incident occurred at Real Elementary School in Calamba City, Laguna involving around 228 pupils in the 3rd and 4th grade.
- It was reported that the City College of Calamba sponsored a feeding program
 as part of the Nutrition Month Celebration. Cupcakes and ice candies were
 distributed and served to the children which may have caused the poisoning.

B. Effects

 As of reporting time, the total number of students/victims still at the hospital and under observation has decreased from the previous 247 to 121 since some of the students/victims have been discharged.

HOSPITAL	Number of Patients
Pamana Medical Center	69
Calamba Medical Center	4
St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center	12
San Jose Trauma Hospital	36
Total	121

C. Actions Taken:

- OCD IV-A is in continuous coordination with Calamba City, Public Order and Safety Office (POSO) / CDRRMO, DOH IV-A and DSWD IV-A.
- DSWD IV-A is in close coordination with Calamba CSWDO for possible augmentation with the medical needs of the victims.
- Vice Mayor Rizal of Calamba City together with selected members of Calamba DRRMC visited the hospitals to check on the condition of the victims and identify the assistance that they need.
- City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) collected specimens (food samples and vomits) and brought them to the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) and the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM).