



SAFE BEGINNINGS
1st Regional Conference on Maternal and Child Health (MCH) in CaLaBaRzon
in partnership with
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May 9-10, 2024 / Manila, Philippines
“Ensuring Universal Health Care through Effective MCH Services and the MCH Handbook”

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May 9 Th and 10 F, 2024

Venue at Lime Resort Manila

(Seascape Village, CCP Complex, Atang Dela Rama, Pasay, 1300 Manila, Philippines)

with Livestream via UP Manila YouTube and Facebook

To participate, please register here: <https://rb.gy/tjuhib>

(Online sessions via UP Manila’s social media platforms. On-site participation is by invitation only.)

The Center for Health Development IV-A (Calabarzon) will play host to “Safe Beginnings: 1st Regional Conference on Maternal and Child Health in Calabarzon in partnership with 14th International Conference on the MCH Handbook,” on May 9 and 10, 2024, in Manila, Philippines. The conference theme is “Ensuring Universal Health Care through Effective MCH Services and the MCH Handbook.”

The MCH Handbook’s role is to ensure continuum of care by supporting every pregnant woman and their families to experience healthy pregnancies and guarantee that all infants and young children develop optimally into adulthood. The MCH Handbook is a home-based record of essential information, kept by the family itself, to promote and maintain the health of mothers and children. The Handbook offers health information concerning pregnancy, delivery, and health care for newborn babies and young children. It includes vaccination records, growth charts and health education information. The MCH Handbook supports the integration of maternal, neonatal and child health services. The MCH Handbook program guarantees continuous and proper care for mothers and their children. We applaud the Philippine Department of Health’s Eight-Point Action Agenda with the slogan, “*Sa Healthy Pilipinas, Bawat Buhay Mahalaga*” (In a Healthy Philippines, Every Life Matters). The MCH Handbook is a formidable tool in ensuring that every Filipino mother and child: feel healthy (*Bawat Pilipino ramdam ang kalusugan*); receive safe, quality, and compassionate service (*ligtas, kalidad, at mapagkalingang serbisyo*); have access to technology for prompt services (*teknolohiya para sa mabilis na serbisyo*); and are free from preventable diseases (*pag-iwas sa sakit*).

The International Committee on the MCH Handbook partnered with CHD Calabarzon. The Committee has been supporting local and international conferences on the development, utilization, and expansion of the MCH Handbook since 1998. Professionals, experts, practitioners, policymakers and policy implementers, and other stakeholders have shared their knowledge and experience on MCH-related issues and activities. The University of the Philippines – Manila will serve as the academic arm of the conference. The UP Manila social media platforms will stream the conference to online audiences.

The conference will serve as a venue to discuss the implementation and use of the MCH Handbook and identify future trajectories and strategies to ensure the program’s success. Healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, students, and anyone passionate about improving maternal and childcare are welcome to attend, share experience, and learn more in maximizing the advantages of the MCH handbook. The event will run on-site for local participants and online for the global audience. It is hoped that the “Safe Beginnings: 1st Regional Conference on Maternal and Child Health in Calabarzon in partnership with 14th International Conference on the MCH Handbook” will further promote the utilization of the MCH Handbook not only in the region or in the Philippines but also globally.

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PROGRAM

May 9, 2024 (Day 1)

Time	Activity	Speaker/Resource Person
8:00 am to 9:00 am	On-site registration	DOH CHD CaLaBarzon Secretariat
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Preliminaries Doxology National Anthem DOH Hymn	Ms. Danica Estipular Health Program Researcher
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Welcome Remarks	Leda M. Hernandez, MD, MPH Director III Center for Health and Development CaLaBaRZon
9:30 am - 9:40 am	Objective Setting Program Presentation	Dr. Mark Nicholas Oreta Santos Medical Officer IV Family Health Cluster Head Center for Health and Development CaLaBaRZon

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<p>9:40 am - 10:50 am</p>	<p>Messages of Support (<i>On-site and recorded</i>)</p>	<p>Dr. Anna Marie Celina Garfin Director IV Disease Prevention and Control Bureau Department of Health, Philippines</p> <p>Mrs. Seiko Noda Former Minister of Internal Affairs House of Representatives Government of Japan</p> <p>Dr. Sumire Sorano Maternal Health Specialist Maternal Child Health and Quality Safety World Health Organization Western Pacific Region</p> <p>Dr. Anne Detjen Child Health Specialist Integrated Service Delivery, MNCAH Section, Health Programme, UNICEF HQ</p> <p>Ms. Haruko Kamei Director General, Human Development Department Japan International Cooperation Agency</p> <p>Amb. Kazuya Endo Ambassador-designate of Japan to the Philippines Embassy of Japan in the Philippines</p> <p>Dr. Michael Tee Chancellor University of the Philippines Manila</p> <p>Calvin S. de los Reyes, PhD Board Member (Philippines) International Committee on MCH Handbook</p>
<p>10:50 am - 11:00 am</p>	<p>Introduction of Keynote Speakers</p>	<p>Ariel I. Valencia, MD, MPH, CESO III Assistant Secretary of Health Center for Health and Development CaLaBarZon</p>
<p>11:00 am - 11:30 am</p>	<p>Keynote (1): Universal Health Care and the Eight-Point Action Agenda in Ensuring Quality</p>	<p>Dr. Teodoro J. Herbosa Secretary Department of Health, Philippines</p>
<p>11:30 am - 12:00 nn</p>	<p>Keynote (2): Safe Beginnings and the MCH Handbook</p>	<p>Prof. Yasuhide Nakamura Chairman International Committee of MCH Handbook</p>

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<p><i>Photo opportunity Lunch (12:00 nn to 1:00 pm)</i></p>		
<p>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Global Experiences on MCH and the MCH Handbook (Part 1) (On-site)</p>	<p>Maternal and Child Health Program in the Philippines Resource Speaker <i>National Safe Motherhood Program Department of Health, Philippines</i></p> <p>MCH Handbook in Thailand Dr. Sarawut Boonsuk Inspector- General Executive, Higher Level of Ministry of Public Health Thailand</p> <p>MCH Handbook in Indonesia Dr. Agustin Kusumayati, MD, MSc., PhD University Secretary, Universitas Indonesia (UI) Professor in the Faculty of Public Health, UI</p> <p>MCH Handbook in Japan Prof. Yasuhide Nakamura Chairman International Committee of MCH Handbook</p> <p>MCH Handbook for High-Risk Mothers in South America Dr. Lourdes Herrera Cadillo Associate Professor, Department of Nursing Faculty of Health Sciences, Asahi University</p> <p>Strengthening Implementation of Maternal and Child Health Handbooks Across the Globe Ms. Keiko Osaki</p>

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<p>3:00 to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Global Experiences on MCH and the MCH Handbook (Part 2) <i>(On-site and online)</i></p>	<p>Canada/USA Post-13th International Conference on MCH Handbook Learnings: Experiences from Canada and the USA Dr. Shafi U. Bhuiyan, Ph.D., M.P.H, M.B.B.S, M.B.A Associate Professor and SBS Program Coordinator, Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences, School of Public Health, University of Memphis</p> <p>Angola Progress of the nationwide expansion of the Maternal and Child Health Handbook (MCHH) of the Ministry of Health in Angola (MINSA) Ketha Rubuz Francisco, National Directorate of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Luanda, Angola Toru Sadamori, TA Networking Corp., Tokyo, Japan Sachi Fukushima, TA Networking Corp., Tokyo, Japan Helga Reis Freitas, National Directorate of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Luanda, Angola</p> <p>Burundi The use of Maternal and Child Health Handbook (MCHHB) in Burundi. What is the way forward? Dr NDACAYISABA Ananie, National Program of Reproductive Health, Burundi Dr. Oscar NTIHABOSE, MD, MScPH, HSM, Director General of Health Care, Modern and Traditional Medicine, Nutrition and Accreditation, Ministry of Public Health and Aids Control, Republic of Burundi Dr BISHINGA Aristide, Project for Strengthening Maternal and Child Health Services, JICA Burundi FURUKAWA Kae, Project for Strengthening Maternal and Child Health Services, JICA Burundi OSAKI Keiko, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</p> <p>Gabon Development of MCH Handbook in Gabon Aline Sylvie DIKAMBI MAGANGA, Ministry of Health of Gabon, National Department of Mother and Child Health Junko WATANABE, JICA Gabon</p> <p>Nigeria MCH Handbook in the Nigeria Dr. Ogechi Akalonu, PhD, MSc, MBA, MPH Head of Nutrition Public Health Nutritionist/Deputy Director National Primary Health Care Development Agency</p> <p>Netherlands</p>
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May 10, 2024 (Day 2)

9:00 am to 12:15 nn	Recap Day 1	Regional Safe Motherhood Program Center for Health and Development, Calabarzon Department of Health, Philippines
	Session 1: Addressing Maternal and Child Mortality	
	MCH Analysis in Calabarzon (Situationer)	Regional Safe Motherhood Program Center for Health and Development, Calabarzon Department of Health, Philippines
	Mommy Rosa's Health Access Diary (Video)	Dr. Rosanna Cunanan City Health Officer Santa Rosa CHO
	Safe Beginnings: Building a Strong Prenatal Foundation	Tayabas, Quezon Resource Speaker Local Government Unit Representative
	Nutritional Considerations for Expectant Mothers	Dr. Becky Llamado Pediatric Consultant Shalom Christian Bahay Paanakan Inc. - Rizal
	Safe Practices from Pregnancy to Early Childhood: Ensuring Safe Childbirth	Dr. Marie Scent Benedicto Medical Specialist II Batangas Medical Center
	Postnatal Care and Beyond	Ms. Heizel V. Creencia MNCHN Coordinator - Nurse IV Provincial Health Office - Cavite
<i>Curbing Maternal Mortality</i>	Ms. Analiza Abrenica MNCHN Coordinator - Nurse VI Provincial Health Office - Batangas	
<i>Lunch</i> (12:15 nn to 1:30 pm)		

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<p>2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (7:00 am in Africa)</p>	<p>Session 2: Towards Effective MCH Care (On-site and online)</p>	<p>Registration System for Pregnant Women: Policy Direction Dr. Felices Emerita P. Perez Center for Health and Development CaLaBaRZon Department of Health</p> <p>Little Baby Handbook Ms. Akemi Bando International Committee on MCH Handbook</p> <p>Digital MCH Handbook Dr. Sarawut Boonsuk Inspector- General Executive, Higher Level of Ministry of Public Health Thailand Ministry of Public Health (Thailand)</p> <p>Digitizing the MCH Handbook Data using ScanForm Dr. Hellen C. Barsosio Asst. Principal Clinical Research Scientist, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Centre for Global Health Research</p> <p>Reproductive Health in the Philippines Dr. Mario Philip R. Festin Director Institute of Reproductive Health (IRH) University of the Philippines National Institutes of Health</p>
<p>Message of Support (4:00 pm to 4:30 pm) Provincial Governor - Cavite Provincial Governor - Laguna Provincial Governor - Batangas Provincial Governor - Rizal Provincial Governor - Quezon</p>		
<p>4:30 pm to 4:45 pm</p>	<p>CaLaBaRZon Declaration Call to Action</p>	<p>International Committee on MCH Handbook Center for Health and Development CaLaBaRZon</p>
<p>4:45 pm to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Closing Ceremony</p>	<p>Dr. Maria Elena Castillo- Gonzales LHSD Chief Center for Health and Development CaLaBaRZon</p>
<p>END</p>		

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